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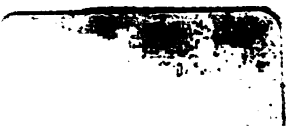
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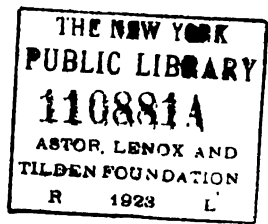
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ME AND BILLY.

YESTERDAY, in Washington, just in front of a pretty glass door opening directly upon Pennsylvania Avenue, I met Billy Archer. He was an '81 man in my college, and as good a fraternity worker as ever rode a pony or a goat,—but married now, and settled in “the city of magnificent distances.” You will please reserve your judgment of his present value to our order until you hear what he said to me, right there on the street. I hold that the whole fraternity system is in danger when a member of any society can, with impunity, make such statements.

First, I beg leave to remark that I'm a Delt, proud of the fact, and in no way inclined to let people forget it. Contrary to rule, I suppose, I wear a badge made expressly to my order; and if it is rather large—not one of these meaningless pins that some of the fellows wear—why, that's my affair. Badges, moreover, aren't intended to be hid under a bushel, so I wear mine on my scarf; and if the latter has several bright and pretty colors, that, again, is my affair. I claim that such a jewel should have an appropriate setting.

Well, sir, Billy—who, I fancy, never liked me very well anyhow—Billy no sooner set eyes on that badge, than he said in his exasperatingly blunt way, “Where under the canopy did you get *that* dish-cover?” By Gad, sir, those are his very words: “Where under the canopy did you get *that* dish-cover?” he says. “To be candid, I never especially admired our badge anyhow, but yours I consider quite, quite vile.”

In the seven weeks I spent at college, I learned how to bear and to forbear in frat. matters, else my wrath must have bubbled

has not put them down, nor has student opposition hindered their growth. They live, and refuse to die. Their vitality is phenomenal and proverbial. They enter into and form part of the daily routine of a student's life. They are a living, vital power, for weal or for woe, in the education of the young men of to-day. And with reason. The college fraternity man associates constantly with his fellow-members. He dines, walks, talks, studies, lives with them. He imbibes their tastes, absorbs their ideas, and is influenced by their ambitions, habits, pleasures, hopes, plans and ideas of why we live, what we live for, and what course of conduct we should pursue. Such is the ceaseless and continuous influence of a college fraternity.

It is well, then, to ask whether this is a power for good or for evil. In my opinion, it decidedly is for good. I believe that the remarkable growth of college fraternities, in the last two decades, is due to their intrinsic worth ; to a need for them ; to the benefits which they render students ; and to the workings of that mystic law of nature which prescribes that nothing shall permanently survive except it be for good.

And first, a college fraternity, worthy of being called such, largely educates the student of to-day. It takes the verdant freshman and shapes his manners, his methods, his speech and bearing. It teaches him many things which the class room can not and does not try to teach. It tells him that there is something besides scholarship needed to make a whole-souled, large-minded, true-hearted man.

Yes, the college fraternity does more than this. It follows the student into the class room. It watches over him in every act and thought. It reproaches him for delinquency in scholarship. It commends him for high standing. It inspires and sustains him with the idea that the reputation of his fraternity and his fraternity brothers is affected by his position in the college world. It brightens the rugged paths of college work, and turns into a pleasant duty that which otherwise would be but an irksome task.

Yea, more, it enters into and moulds the moral character of its initiate. It throws around him the moral influence of

friends who are interested in him as a brother. It warns and turns him from the paths of dissipation, of vice, of immorality, of ruin. It incites him to a life of honor and usefulness. It represses the dangerous tendencies of youth, and arouses the dormant ambitions and capabilities of the heart and mind and soul. It gives him the idea that to be a man of honor, of integrity, of high principle, of manly bearing, of courtesy, of true nobility—a gentleman in the full and complete sense of the word—is a result not to be ground out of mathematics, or Greek, or Latin, but to be slowly evolved by a many-sided culture. It inspires him with the thought that an honest, generous, cultured man of heart and mind is the masterpiece of life, the finished product of our civilization, equaled only by the divine nature of a pure and splendid and noble woman. These are the high ideals, which, once formed, never disappear, but follow the student into the busy world, and mould for him his thoughts, his hopes, his career and his end. Such are the influences and such is the work of a college fraternity.

I speak not now of a few college fraternities—fortunately few—which neither recognize nor perform their mission. Little can be said in their favor. They have false requisites; false ideas of fraternity work; and false notions of what the outside world expect and require of college graduates. To be one of their number, you must be a man of wealth, or of high social position—things that pertain not to yourself, but to your parentage. The sterling qualities of the mind and heart are of little consequence within their ranks, and are not congenial company, unless it be by the doctrine of opposites. Strange ideas prevail within their halls as to the purposes of their organization. To be a hard-working, conscientious student is a disgrace. But to be absent from the class-room; to finish the course with the smallest possible amount of labor; to use keys and translations; to resort to trickery and deceit; to have five hours of leisure for one hour of work,—this, with them, is brilliant and commendable. The ideal member is he who can practice these arts with the greatest perfection and success. College life is looked upon as a pastime and play day. Self enjoyment, indolence and ease is the begin-

ning. Dissipation, vice and ruin is the end. Between these two lies a whole cohort of evils, selfishness, meanness, arrogance and sacrifice of all that is great and good and noble and pure, for that which blooms to-day and withers to-morrow. All along the shores of the stream of their latter-day existence are found young lives blighted ; fair hopes withered ; ambitions deadened, and talent undirected. Such fraternities arouse, deserve and receive only contempt and indignation. Their graduate is looked upon as a college snob. He is a strange compound of conceit, superciliousness, ignorance and pretension. Ten years convince him that the times are out of joint, and that the world is awry. His misspent college days have been to him a curse. Generally he sinks into mediocrity, never to emerge. Sometimes a sadder scene is enacted, and dissipated habits drag their victim down to ruin and an untimely end.

But these are the dark spots of college fraternities, and, like disease and death, merely show, by contrast, the strength and beauty and value of healthful life. Their beneficent influence is not confined to undergraduates. It reaches farther, and follows us into the busy world after our college days are ended. It disciplines us to an appreciation of a disinterested, loyal, yes, an ideal standard of friendship, and it gives to us a high type of friends. And there is need of such discipline in these days of cynicism and suspicion and mercenary motives. The friendships of to-day are for the most part matters of mutual advantage—treaties of reciprocity—covenants to suspend hostilities. But that higher and nobler relation—association, because of a sympathy of ideas, or feelings or aspirations—interest in a friend's welfare for his sake alone—the real friendship which elevates the thoughts, ennobles the nature, and turns man from worldly things to a higher plane of life and being—this, I say, is the mission of all secret societies, and especially is it the idea of college fraternities. A nobler work no organization ever had.

Nor does the influence of secret societies end here. The mystic bond of Delta Tau Delta creates in each of us a feeling of interest, of kinship, of responsibility for our brother members. It is a spirit that is far reaching and lasting. Its influence is

like that of the family and home. It keeps men in the paths of rectitude, urges them to the performance of their duty, and inspires them to lead better and greater lives. The welfare of one is the welfare of all. In times of doubt or difficulty or disaster, a secret society man never turns to his fellow-members in vain. The influence is one for good, and the modern secret society seeks by the lives of its members to teach all men that he who lives honestly, industriously, charitably and progressively, is a benefactor of the human race, and that the world is better for his having lived in it.

Such are some of the reasons why the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity exists, and it has held fast and firm to the first principles of its existence. It has remained true to the high ideal of a typical college fraternity. It has nobly done its work. It has had an influence on the characters of its alumni and undergraduates which has affected their lives and thoughts and vocations. The fraternity itself will live and will grow. Time will but add to its strength and its usefulness. So long as its principles remain unchanged, it will be a benefit and a credit to its members, and the Delta of the future will say to the Delta of yesterday and to-day,—“You found in our colleges a need for new fraternities that would remain true to the high principles of the ideal secret society. You organized on those principles. By adherence thereto we have grown and flourished. Men and chapters may fall away from us, by reason of such adherence, but our safety and usefulness lie in those principles and in those alone. We have remained true to the ideas and record of the fraternity, and when we depart therefrom, may we, too, go the way of the older fraternities, and give place to new organizations which will rise on the principles which we shall have abandoned.”

FRATERNITY COMBINATIONS.

THE most pronounced evil in American politics to-day is the "spoils system." Votes, offices and men are bought and sold at every election. The ward "boss" leads his more ignorant fellow men, like so much cattle, to the ballot-box, and they go willingly, for they are sure of a good share of the oats at their journey's end ; or where the animals are not so hungry, it needs but a gentle application of the party lash to quicken their halting footsteps. From the powerful leader of the political machinery of a national party to the caucus-stuffer of the city ward, the motto, "To the victors belong the spoils!" is the impelling motive to an amount of meanness and fraud which makes an honest citizen blush for his country's shame.

The "spoils system" of college politics is the system of fraternity combinations. The "spoils" are the so-called honors of college life, and their distribution by the combination system is manifestly unfair. The number of men who vote, and not merit in the candidates voted for, is that which decides to whom shall be given the honors in question. The leaders of the three or four stronger chapters (and in this connection I do not make an exception of the non-fraternity or "barb." element, which is usually as strongly organized for political work as any fraternity chapter), instinctively come together, and after a thorough canvass of the legal voters, taking to themselves another chapter or two, if they have not a clear majority otherwise, form a faction. Then the election comes, or more properly, the distribution of the spoils, for there certainly is no election where every honor has been predetermined. The "slate" is read, and the form of an election in which every nominee is sure to be *unanimously* chosen, is with much gravity carried through. The bull has been read, and the poor minority is left out in the bitter cold for at least one long year.

That fraternities in college life are of great and lasting good is only disputed by those uninformed persons who, never having

entered the mystic circle, take every occasion to abuse in round terms that of which they know nothing. A group of men of sympathetic disposition, unite to establish a chapter of some fraternity, in which they come together for their mutual, social, moral and intellectual improvement. They thus form in college life that which otherwise is distinctly absent,—a college home,—and when in after years the “college boy,” now grown gray in life’s struggle, looks back to the golden days of youth, when thought and sentiment were awakening his soul to highest endeavor, the scenes and memories which he loves best to recall are those linked to the dear old chapter hall. But not as training schools for political methods, and those methods the offspring of the spoils system, do I consider the end and use of the fraternity. Let this combination system be rooted out of college life, and there will be lifted from the shoulders of the fraternities a disgrace which too often they now have to bear.

But those favoring this system as an expedient, who think it intrinsically wrong, would ask us, “What will you put in its place?” Nothing, let us hope, in its place; for the simple fact is, that there is no necessity of combinations to distribute *honors*. If they are in truth real honors, then they should be given either by competition of candidates or by open election. Don’t favor the fond delusion that this state of affairs would demand an Utopia where we now have only human nature with its ambitions and its friendships as ruling motives. I have more faith in the manhood of college men than that. The work in college, in class-room, in literary halls and in personal intercourse, soon shows the strength and worth of a man. The majority of college men are generous and high-minded enough to appreciate this truth, and when not bound by the written compact of a faction, in an open election they will bestow the honor upon one of the few who without any doubt most deserve it. In all cases possible here should be free competition, and when that holds in oratorical and society contests, the honors will be given, not to the one who can boast of belonging to the largest faction, but to the one who gives the best essay, oration or debate, as the case may be.

As is well known, among the Western college men, the principal inter-collegiate events are the meeting of the State and Inter-State Oratorical Associations and the contests connected therewith. The latter cannot be controlled, at least directly by any combination system, but the former may be. In the State of Indiana it has been very evident for some time that such is the case. In all the leading colleges of this State, honors are distributed by the combination system, and as the combination for the State happens to be formed, so it is with each college. At the State University, which moulds the politics of the State, there are between thirty and forty honors which are annually distributed by the ruling faction, whatever that may happen to be. Of course there may be good men—perhaps the best men—in the combination, and these may be nominated for the various honors ; but if they are the best, free competition and open election will most plainly show the fact, and if they are not, then there is a gross injustice to the superior men who happen to be left out of the combination.

There is a strange inconsistency for men to go into society exhibitions and deliver eloquent orations upon such topics as “Civil Service Reform,” “The Statesman,” and “Democratic Government,” when they hold those honorable positions in such exhibitions simply from being the leader in the college “spoils system.” But what can be done to remedy the evil? Probably nothing by a single stroke, for the majority which happens to be in thinks that a combination is all right, so long as it means that they shall possess the honors, and when any fraternity happens to be out, then there is some other majority in, and a change of heart has no weight. We can only trust that, in the course of political evolution, the colleges as well as the nation shall rid themselves of every form of the “spoils system,” and then the single test required of the candidate for honor shall be his fitness for that honor.

C. L. EDWARDS.

Editorial.

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THE Editors desire to express their appreciation of the cordial and generous reception accorded the initial number of THE CRESCENT by the active chapters and the alumni. It was feared that the increased subscription price might cause dissatisfaction and consequent injury and harm to the interests of the journal, but in no single instance have the chapters reduced their lists, while many report most gratifying additions. The alumni bid fair to manifest their approval and encouragement in largely increased contributions to the treasury. From the present standpoint, the financial outlook seems brighter and more inspiring than for several years past. Faithful and spirited missionary work by the chapter secretaries among their respective alumni will ensure a most successful and prosperous year.

NOTWITHSTANDING the most energetic efforts of the Catalogue Committee, the lists of several chapters are incomplete, and imperfect in one important feature—the full name of the initiate. In no case is the first name wanting, but the unknown middle names number several scores. We urgently request the officers of such chapters to ascertain these names without further delay, and forward them to the Catalogue agent, Brother Trautwein, for preservation. We cheerfully endorse the suggestion that the agent be informed from time to time of all corrections, alterations or additions to the records published in the Catalogue. While the Fifth General Catalogue is a marvel of convenience, simplicity and completeness, the Sixth can, with the united aid and interest of our membership, be made ideally perfect.

SEVERAL of our younger chapters have attained a degree of strength and good fortune that seems to justify them in establishing permanent chapter homes. We kindly and earnestly counsel these fortunate and ambitious chapters—to first get your money, then go ahead. Before you hang your curtains or lay your carpet, be sure you have the money to pay for them. Don't put an article of furniture in your hall unless

you hold for it a receipted bill. Beware of extravagance and prodigality. Don't mortgage your future for present enjoyment. A plain, comfortable, unpretentious hall, PAID FOR, is far better than an elegant, luxuriously furnished apartment with a dark cloud of debt brooding over its beauty. Pleasant it is to meet in halls, ornate with chaste appointments, adorned and decorated in refined and cultured taste, but be watchful lest you cherish the bitter germs of repudiation and dishonor. Don't be misled by a sophistry which teaches that debt will harmonize differences and unite the chapter in a firmer bond of fraternal love and sympathy. Almost invariably a heavy debt brings only a sense of discouragement, insecurity and peril, and too frequently the insidious temptation to initiate unworthy men. Rely not too strongly upon your past triumphs, nor upon your present puissance and vigor. They are not eternal. Experience teaches that past success does not assure future prosperity. The ebb follows the flood tide. The day of conscious strength may usher in the night of weakness and prostration. The strong chapter of to-day may be the weak chapter of to-morrow. A chapter may part with twelve men in June to meet with three in September. A burden, light to the twelve, may annihilate the three. Of all things, avoid too implicit confidence in the aid of your alumni. Too frequently their promises prove to be the stuff dreams are made of. At chapter banquets and on other festal occasions, in moments of enthusiasm and exaltation, the most honorable men are sometimes led to covenant that which after events make most difficult of fulfillment. Again, the great majority of our chapters have been founded within the last decade, and their alumni are men just crossing the threshold of business and professional life. To contribute to a chapter fund demands of them the sternest self-sacrifice. Upon them, therefore, build your expectations not too lofty. In spite of all this, if you see your way clear and are building on firm, immovable rock, we urge you to go ahead. Lease the most convenient suite of rooms you can find, decorate them elaborately, furnish them in luxury and beauty, but—avoid debt as you would a scorching pestilence.

FRATERNITY combinations have been so thoroughly and so frequently discussed and ventilated in the journals, that the subject is rapidly approaching the realm of ancient history. Anathematized, censured and satirized by a singularly unanimous press, the evil has almost ceased to be a living issue ; its most vicious, demoralizing and

odious features linger only in a few sporadic cases in regions where a poison-tainted atmosphere generates and nourishes such malignant, cancerous growths. In many colleges, fraternity combinations have been a fruitful source of misunderstanding, prejudice and oppression ; there they have vitiated and corrupted the aims, methods and policy of the fraternity system, defiled its character, destroyed its influence, subjected its nobility, purity and virtue to that which is dishonest, vile and shameful in man ; they have prostituted the power, the fame and the authority of the Greek societies to further the base ambitions of unworthy and unscrupulous men, and have made the very name "fraternity" a reproach, a scandal, a symbol of all that is infamous, depraved and iniquitous. Let us remember, however, that the evil was not general but local. The most venomous cases seldom occurred, and were vigorously denounced by intelligent fraternity men. The disease arose, flourished and waxed strong in the days when, in many colleges, the chapters of rival fraternities were bitterly hostile colonies, with nothing in common except the Greek alphabet and a mutual bigotry and hatred. The advent of Greek journalism heralded the dawn of a better and brighter day. The Greek press has demonstrated that the fraternities are essentially one in origin, development, aspiration and destiny. With the realization of that fact has come the epoch of generosity, reconciliation and harmony. The growth of a broad, liberal and intelligent press has eradicated many of the evils of the fraternity system, and with them the pernicious features of political combinations have passed away with the night that gave them birth.

EDITORIAL REQUESTS.

WE shall publish in the December number an article reviewing the recent contributions of Brothers Carleton, Kent, Stahl, Study and Haigh to current American literature. We shall be pleased to receive reviews of the works of any other Deltas, and will gladly include them in the article, which we desire to make as complete as possible.

WE have in our possession several complete files of Vol. I., which will be sold for \$1.50 per volume. The initial volume is becoming very rare, and this will probably be the last chance offered to chapters and brothers to complete their files. We desire to obtain copies of Vol. VII., No. 9 (with index) ; Vol. VIII., Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 ; Vol. II., No. 1 ; Vol. III., No. 5 ; Vol. IV., Nos. 1, 2, 6 and 9 ; Vol. V., Nos. 6 and 8.

THE Report of the Convention Committee on Necrology is in very incomplete shape. Each chapter is requested to prepare a list of its members who have died between the Watkins Glen and Detroit Conventions, and forward same to H. W. Plummer, the committee on publication of Convention minutes. The record should include full name, chapter, college, place of residence, date, place and cause of death, and if possible place of burial.

THE December number will contain the list of men initiated during the months of the present year. Every chapter is urgently requested to send the Secretary of the Council the constitutional enrollment form, properly and carefully filled, for each man initiated. By attention to this duty the list can be published full, complete and up to date.

WE desire the chapter secretaries to prepare lists of their alumni (with latest addresses), who can be induced to subscribe for the journal. We particularly want the names of those who have attended college within five years. A large edition of the October number was published for the purpose of general distribution, and the work can be materially forwarded by the assistance of the secretaries.

BROTHERS who failed to receive the first number will confer a favor by promptly reporting the fact to the editor-in-chief, who will be pleased to supply the deficiency.

The Greek World.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ glories in the possession of the only lady who was ever initiated into a male Greek Letter Fraternity. The lady in question is Miss Kate Carothers, A.B., who graduated in 1874, at the Mary Sharpe College, Winchester, Tenn., and also from the New England Conservatory of Music. Miss Carothers was elected in recognition of valuable services rendered in re-establishing the Mississippi Alpha of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, at the University of Mississippi, in 1881.

THE fraternities now represented at the University of Alabama, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, $K \Lambda$ and ΣN , have obtained the repeal of the obnoxious anti-frat. laws, by sending representatives to argue

the question before a committee of the Trustees of the institution. In return for the repeal, the fraternities will have to forego the privilege of voting in the literary societies. The honors that have heretofore been elective will now be assigned by the faculty. The University of Alabama was founded in 1820, at Tuscaloosa, and has had chapters of $\Phi B K$, $\Delta K E$, $A \Delta \Phi$, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, and $\Sigma A E$. The *Delta*, of ΣN says that $\Delta K E$ failed in recent effort to re-establish her chapter.

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, Middletown, Conn., supports $\Psi \Upsilon$, $A \Delta \Phi$, $\Delta K E$, $X \Psi$ and the Eclectic (local), all owning chapter houses. We clip the following paragraph from an interesting letter recently published in the $\Phi K \Psi$ *Shield* :

I believe the greatest element of strength in the fraternities at Wesleyan is the strong bond of brotherhood existing between the brothers who are students and the brothers who are professors. Every man in the faculty attends the receptions and banquets of his society, and while having thought for all the students, takes a peculiar interest in assisting his own brethren, in sickness and trouble, thus binding them to him not only by a high respect for him as their instructor, but by a fraternal love for him as their brother. On the other hand, I believe the greatest source of weakness in the societies is the large membership of men in college. The five societies average thirty-two active members. Necessarily, the highest type of fraternal union is lost. A few days ago I asked a friend, in regard to an incoming Freshman, "Does your society intend to take in ——?" He replied, "Most of our men object to him, but some of us who want him are at work forming a *combination*, and if we succeed we shall be able to elect him." Where such a "combination" is necessary, or even possible, the *fraternal* spirit must be burning low.

In speaking of the Central University, Kentucky, where $\Delta K E$ recently founded a chapter, the *Quarterly*, of that fraternity says, editorially: "On account of its youth and late rapid growth, it has doubtless surprised the chapters, as a couple of years since it surprised the council, to find that the one institution which on the one hand has adopted to the fullest extent the most advanced features of the University plan, and on the other

is enjoying to the utmost the wonderful prosperity which its enterprise has earned, is in Central Kentucky." Such sentiments are likely to produce great irritation and dejection in the energetic and vigorous councils of $B \Theta \Pi$ and ΣX , who in the fullness of their wisdom rejected the "future great" university of the South, and discarded the pearl of great price which the venerable and eminently conservative, but shrewd and crafty $\Delta K E$ has exultantly placed in the starry diadem that bedecks her regal head. We doubt not that the aforesaid councils of $B \Theta \Pi$ and ΣX will await in breathless suspense the announcement of other $\Delta K E$ surprises and the discovery of universities revelling in wonderful prosperity amid the alluvial swamps of classic Arkansas, or on the broad and fertile plains of verdant Oklahoma.

MANTON MARBLE, whom President Cleveland sent to Europe to ascertain the position of the several nations upon the coinage of gold and silver, is an $A \Delta \Phi$; John Clark Ridpath, the historian, is a $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$; Adlai E. Stevenson, First Assistant Postmaster General, is a $\Phi \Delta \Theta$; Gen. Matthew S. Quay, Treasurer-elect of Pennsylvania, is a $B \Theta \Pi$; Alfred P. Burbank, the elocutionist, is a $\Delta K E$; George F. Seward, ex-Minister to China, is a $\Delta \Phi$; Speaker John G. Carlisle is an honorary member of $\Sigma A E$; Edward L. Youmans, Editor of the *Popular Science Monthly*, is a $\Delta \Gamma$; Chauncey M. Depew, the author of the Grant-Johnson letter, is a $\Psi \Gamma$; Stewart L. Woodford, ex-Lieutenant Governor of New York, is a $\Delta K E$ and a $\Delta \Psi$; Judge William A. Vincent, whom President Cleveland appointed Chief Justice of New Mexico, and afterward suspended, is a $X \Phi$; John Hay, the poet, diplomatist, and Private Secretary to President Lincoln is a $\Theta \Delta X$; John L. McMaster, Mayor of Indianapolis, is a $\Delta T \Delta$, and Caleb S. Denny, the Mayor-elect, is a ΣX ; John M. Martin, Congressman-elect from Alabama, is a $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$.

THE Thirty-ninth Annual Convention of $\Delta K E$ was held with the Gamma Phi of Wesleyan, at Middletown, Conn., Wednesday and Thursday, October 21 and 22, 1885. Wednesday evening a concert was given in the Opera house at Meriden,

by the Listermann Concert Company of Boston, and the Yale and Wesleyan Glee Clubs. The literary exercises were held Thursday evening in the North Congregational Church at Middletown, ex-Governor John D. Long, of Massachusetts, being the president, Senator Matthew C. Butler, of South Carolina, the orator, and Julian Hawthorne, the poet. The next convention will be held in New York City, in October, 1886.

ALL indications point to a great revival in the publication of Catalogue literature. $\Delta K E$ will soon issue a catalogue which she expects will surpass all previous efforts in this direction ; ΣX is busily preparing a book which, judging from the energy and ability of her Council, will be equal to any that recent years have produced ; ΨT is said to have abandoned the plan of issuing a supplement to her superb catalogue of 1879, and has ordered the preparation of a new and elaborate edition ; and even $\Phi K \Psi$ has awakened from her lethargy, and commenced the compilation of a biographical catalogue with all the modern improvements.

$\Delta K E$ recently established a club in New York which is modeled to some extent after the great clubs of that city. An entire dwelling has been leased, which meets the present wants of the club. Parlors, café and restaurant, billiard, library, chapter, council and meeting rooms have been furnished, and chambers provided for guests and belated members. The club is a new departure in the treatment of the great fraternity alumni question, and the progress of the experiment will be watched with much interest by all Greek societies.

THE Fifty-first Annual Convention of ΔT was held with the Rochester Chapter, at Rochester, N. Y., October 22 and 23, 1885. Ex-Governor Marcellus L. Stearns, of Florida, president ; the Rev. Dr. Orrin P. Gifford, orator ; Professor W. P. Dudley, poet. The next convention will be held with the Madison Chapter, at Hamilton, N. Y., in October, 1886.

THE Convention of $\Sigma A E$ was held with the Nu of Vanderbilt, at Nashville, Tenn., October 20, 21, 22 and 23, 1885. The executive power was taken from the Grand Chapter and given to

a Council of five alumni. An oratorical contest was held for a gold medal. Favored Northern extension. Banquet at Mooney's, at which Gen. E. Kirby Smith and Gen. W. H. Washington responded to toasts. The next Convention will meet at Atlanta, Ga., August 19, 1886.

Among the other chapters here [at Wooster] Phi Delta Theta is our strongest rival as well as our best friend; Beta Theta Pi suffered by graduation and is only fairly prosperous; Phi Kappa Pai, which became nearly extinct here, is making a good effort to recover lost ground; Delta Tau Delta is good, and as quiet as usual, nothing occurring to disturb the even tenor of her way; Phi Gamma Delta has several members.—*The Sigma Chi*.

ON account of the disgraceful conduct of some of the fraternities at the Virginia Military institute, *The Sigma Chi* says that "the authorities of the institution have taken steps whereby each new cadet is required to swear that he will not connect himself with any secret organization during his stay." The death of fraternities at this place is therefore only a matter of time. $\Delta T \Omega$, $K A$, ΣN , ΣX and $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ are represented.

THE prolific soil of De Pauw has given birth to another ladies' fraternity, by name the $A X \Omega$. The fraternity will be confined to musical conservatories. The Alpha Chi Omega, according to *The De Pauw Monthly*, begins its career on a new and complete system, and launches out with brilliant prospects. The colors are scarlet and bronze.

SOUTH CAROLINA UNIVERSITY was founded in 1801, at Columbia. Previous to the war, the University supported chapters of $\Delta \Psi$, $\Delta K E$, $\Phi K \Psi$, $X \Psi$, and $B \Theta \Pi$. Since 1881, $K A$, $\Sigma A E$, $\Delta T \Omega$ and $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ have entered the University, and several of the Northern fraternities are taking steps leading to a revival of their deceased chapters.

$\Sigma A E$ has entered Cumberland University, Tenn. The $K \Psi$ Chapter of $\Delta K E$ existed for a number of years in this institution, but the charter was withdrawn in 1873. If $\Delta K E$ executes a Tennessee manœuvre similar to its Kentucky flank movement, Vanderbilt will be the home of the "revived $K \Psi$."

THE Twenty-first Convention of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ was held with the Sigma Deuteron of Lafayette, at Easton, Pa., October 26, 27 and 28, 1885. The *Phi Gamma Delta* was changed to a quarterly, and will be published by the Grand Chapter in New York City. The next convention will be held in Springfield, Ohio, in October, 1886.

THE Faculty of Purdue University has voted to allow Juniors and Seniors to become fraternity men. ΣX , the only fraternity there, has a chapter of three Juniors and three Seniors. $\Delta T \Delta$ recently received a petition from some of the best men in the University, but refused it because of the low standing of the institution.

REPORTS are abroad that a new ladies' fraternity has been founded at Meadville, Pa., to be known as Phi Alpha Psi; while in the South several strange orders have arisen of late months, to prove that the student world has not yet fully realized that it has had too much of a good thing.—*The Sigma Chi*.

THE University of North Carolina was founded in 1789, at Chapel Hill, and has had chapters of $\Delta K E$, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, $B \Theta \Pi$, $\Sigma A E$, $\Delta \Psi$, $\Delta \Phi$, $X \Psi$, $\Phi K \Sigma$, $\Theta \Delta X$, $X \Phi$, $Z \Psi$, and $K \Sigma$. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, $A T \Omega$, and $K A$ are now represented by active chapters, and $Z \Psi$ is said to have lately revived her chapter.

THE college department of a Cincinnati daily originated a report that $\Delta T \Delta$ had withdrawn the charter of her Kenyon chapter. The item has been published in several fraternity journals, to whom we wish to say that $\Delta T \Delta$ has *not* taken any such action nor has she any intention of so doing.

$X \Psi$ has chapters in the South at Furman University, South Carolina College, Wofford College, and the University of Mississippi. The first three are in South Carolina. This fraternity has defunct chapters at the University of North Carolina and the University of Virginia.

IN spite of the glorious climate, the Chapter of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ at the University of California is now numbered among the things that were but are not. $B \Theta \Pi$, $\Delta K E$, $X \Phi$ and $Z \Psi$ still live.

THE University of Indiana opened with flattering prospects, with new and complete buildings, and with the largest Freshman and Sophomore classes in the history of the college. Of the fraternities ΣX has 17 men, $\Phi K \Psi$ 15, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ 14, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ 12, and $B \Theta \Pi$ 10.

WITHIN the last two years, the State Universities of Missouri, North Carolina and Alabama, Vanderbilt University, Davidson College (N. C.), and Erskine College (S. C.), have repealed their laws against secret societies.

ΣN entered Emory in the spring of '85 with four charter members. The Faculty and Trustees granted permission to $X \Psi$ to establish a chapter, but it is said the fraternity refused a charter to the petitioners.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has issued lithograph reproductions of the photographs and autographs of her six founders, each on separate sheets, 11×14 inches, which are to be sold to the members at sixty cents per set.

$\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, $\Phi K \Psi$ and $A T \Omega$ are suffering the agonies involved in the compilation of a Song Book. To our afflicted brethren, $\Delta T \Delta$ wishes to convey her profoundest sympathy and commiseration.

NORTHERN $K A$ had a chapter at the University of Virginia from 1857 to 1861. The chapter had forty-seven members, and is the only chapter the fraternity has ever had in the South.

PHI KAPPA SIGMA, Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Alpha, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Zeta Psi have chapters at the University of North Carolina.—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

NORTHWESTERN had in all departments, during the year '84-'85, a total attendance of 837. The fraternities represented are ΣX , $\Delta \Upsilon$, $\Phi K \Sigma$, $B \Theta \Pi$, and $\Phi K \Psi$.

THE University of Tennessee was founded at Knoxville, in 1807. $K \Sigma$ and $K. A.$ are the only fraternities represented. $\Pi K A$, $A T \Omega$, and $\Sigma A E$ chapters are dead.

THE membership of the fraternities in the University of the South is $A T \Omega$ 12, $\Sigma A E$ 19, $K \Sigma$ 11, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ 8, $\Delta T \Delta$ 17, $K A 7$.

ΨT is reported to have passed resolutions ordering the establishment of a chapter at the University of Minnesota at the earliest practicable date.

$K \Sigma$ will commence the publication of a paper in October, at Wytheville, Va. It will be known as the *Kappa Sigma Quarterly*.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ entered the University of Alabama with forty-three men, ΣN with thirty-two, and $K A$ with fourteen.

$A T \Omega$, at Stevens, is on the verge of dissolution, with but one man in the chapter, and he a senior.

ΔT has new chapters at Columbia, Lafayette, and the University of Wisconsin.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN supports chapters of $B \Theta \Pi$, $X \Psi$, ΣX , $\Phi K \Psi$, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, and ΔT .

$\Theta \Delta X$ has entered Amherst, and $\Delta \Phi$ has revived at Harvard.

$\Delta K E$ has established an alumni chapter at Louisville, Ky.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has entered the Central University of Kentucky.

Chapter Letters.

Epsilon—Albion.

EPSILON is in excellent condition for work, and everything is hopeful. Our membership has been increased by the entrance in college of Bros. Healy and Scranton, and an initiate, whom I gladly introduce, John W. Arney, '89. We have a lecture billed for November, by Rev. Washington Gardner (Mn), of Jackson, and also an orchestral concert, from which we expect to be benefited financially.

Albion College has never been so great in number of students, presenting an increase of twenty-five per cent. Prof. Lutz, recently a professor in Harvard College, has been elected to the chair of Modern Language.

The endowment fund was increased last year by \$150,000.

Beta Zeta—Butler.

No chapter at this institution has ever experienced so great a change as ours has, within the past month. We have for a number of years been "down at the heel" in point of numbers. Last year we numbered six, until the spring term, when two of our men left to spend the summer in Florida. For various reasons the number ranged between two and six. This term found at its opening two Deltas, as usual,—Bro. Wise having left to bury his brother; Bro. Redmon kept out by a shotgun wound in the shoulder; Bro. Mann not yet having found his way out of the Everglades. About the second month found four of us back, and rather earnest in persuading some others to flee the wrath to come, and seek safety in our ranks. We succeeded in "working" five men at once, whom we now take pleasure in introducing to you as Bros. J. C. Smith, W. J. Armstrong, A. J. LeMiller, W. H. Shortridge, and W. H. King. On the following Tuesday evening after these men were initiated, we initiated H. E. Lucas, and on a very recent occasion, Bros. Percy and Howe. We now number two Juniors, six. Sophomores, four Freshmen, one 3rd Prep. You can imagine we felt pretty well satisfied with our success. Some of our opponents thought we were cutting a wide swath. We have now made arrangements to fit up a chapter house, and occupy it immediately after the holidays. Our alumni will give us material aid.

Phi—Hanover.

Phi is for the first time for at least eight years reduced to the weakest chapter in college. The class of '85 took away with it four men who have been for the last three or four years the pillars of our chapter. Bro. Voris and Lapp of '87 failed to show up this year, Bro. Voris, dropping out to go into business, and Bro. Lapp to teach school. Bro. Lapp, however, we expect back with us next year. As it is we are three, all Sophomores, and will probably remain so to the end of the year, as there were but a few new men who entered the college proper this year, none of whom were thought eligible for $\Delta T \Delta$, as weak as we were. We hope to do some good work in the Preparatory De-

partment, and open next year with something like our old numbers. We have received a number of encouraging letters from our loyal Alumni, which give us great hopes. Bro. Hamilton of '85 and Bro. Voris, formerly of '87, each made us flying visits during last month.

The college has opened another year with higher expectations than ever before. At the last commencement the Trustees elected Professor Keil to the chair of Latin and Modern Languages. Professor Keil is a fine linguist, speaking a number of the modern languages. Prof. Baird, formerly in the Chair of Latin and Modern Languages, now takes the recently endowed Chair of Physics and Astronomy. Our rival chapters are all in a fair condition.

Rho—Stevens.

WE have been much pleased with the improved appearance of THE CRESCENT, and hope to materially enlarge our subscription list; we will try to do what we can to enlist the interest of the Alumni of the Fraternity residing in New York and vicinity.

We are glad to know that Sigma at Columbia is in such good condition; we think that its prospects are brighter than at any previous period, and look for good work from that chapter during the year. We can now introduce our second initiate from the Freshman Class,—Bro. Alfred C. Peck, '89, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The fraternities here are very active this year, although not many initiations have taken place; they seem to pay more attention to one class of men. Theta Xi, who heretofore has been one of the most deliberate of the fraternities here, has been most active this year, having taken in four freshmen and three sophomores. They seem to have changed their membership standard, which is nothing like so uniform as in former years. Sigma Chi, from the report of its Stevens correspondent to *The Sigma Chi* does not seem to regard '89 as a very promising one, whereas the class is known as one of the best that we have had for years.

Bro. R. M. Anderson, represents us on the editorial board of this year's *Eccentric*, upon which $X \Phi$, $\Theta \Xi$, and the neutrals are represented. So far the prospects for the coming number of the *Eccentric* are very bright. The first number of the *Rho Chron-*

icle, looking much improved with a new heading, has been sent to the chapters, and will be published regularly during the year. So far this year we have had a larger number of visitors than usual; our alumni are present much more frequently than heretofore, and we have had visits from Bros. Wilson M. Day, Mu, '71, President of the Fraternity; James W. Magruder, Mu, '85; H. W. Collingwood, Iota, '83; M. P. Quintana, Upsilon, '84, and Julius D. Earle, Nu, '87. Situated so near New York City we have frequent opportunities of meeting and entertaining Deltas from abroad, and we are always glad to embrace such opportunities.

Kappa—Hillsdale.

At present we number eleven men, but brothers Heckenlively and Spears will be absent teaching during the winter. Supplies for their vacancies have been provided; our policy, however, will be to keep close to the limit. Chas. Ward Macomber is our latest acquisition. The presence of "ye olden time" fratres, O. A. Janes, C. F. Cook, W. C. Wilson, and F. H. Stone enlivened one of our recent meetings.

The interests of our college are now represented by two periodicals, *The Herald*, a weekly, and *The Advance*, a bi-monthly; each is edited by members of the faculty. The fall term ends November 25, having had a total enrollment in the different departments of over four hundred. The formal dedication of the new gymnasium building occurred November 5. In the afternoon a session was held for the students and their friends, at which the main address of the occasion was delivered by President Dunn. In the evening, the doors were thrown open to the public in general, and notwithstanding the disagreeable darkness and inclemency of the weather, a very large audience assembled to listen to a well arranged programme. Among those who delivered addresses was F. B. Dickerson, of Detroit, from whom the gymnasium received its name. Indian club swinging, broom brigade drill, etc., formed interesting parts of the exercises.

The $\Phi \Lambda \Theta$'s have augmented their number to twenty-two. They have a strong chapter, and are rivals worthy of our competition. The ΣX 's are in good condition, but are somewhat weaker than they were last year.

Beta Delta—University of Georgia.

THE University of Georgia opened with one hundred and sixty students, which is a decided increase over last year. The new boys were of the best class, consequently all the fraternities here are in good condition. Beta Delta commenced her term with seven active and enthusiastic Deltas, and as the result of their labor, we would commend to the brotherhood Bros. J. W. Norris, '89, L. Chase, '89, both of Florence, S. C., and John P. Upshaw, Jr., '89, Social Circle, Ga. With eleven men in perfect union and harmony, we know that the ends of the order can be attained. Bro. Ed. T. Whatley has been elected Anniversarian of the Demosthean Literary Society, one of the highest honors within the gift of the college. We are also represented on *The College Reporter*.

Beta Theta—University of the South.

I HAVE no new brothers to introduce this time, but fraternity life in Sewanee has not been entirely uneventful since I last wrote to THE CRESCENT. In the first place, we were very much excited about a month ago, by some one breaking several of our new stained glass windows, and taking our banner and some other articles from the hall. We could not imagine who had done it, and were naturally very angry. The Phi Delta Theta hall was subjected to a similar treatment on the same night, and they were as mad as we; but our anger gave way to a sense of the ludicrous when it was discovered that a few little boys about eight or ten years old had formed a "fraternity," and having no "secret," had determined to possess themselves of ours. Apart from the annoyance that it caused us, it was a most ridiculous burlesque on the fraternity system. We wish to take this opportunity publicly to express our thanks for the ready sympathy and assistance which the other fraternities and the University authorities extended to us, when the case was thought to be serious. We had a most delightful evening on the 3rd of November, at our banquet. We chartered the hotel for the night, it having been closed for the winter, and had full use of kitchen, dining-hall and parlor. Bros. Riddell and Hale were with us for a few days,

and Bro. Riddell's caricatures of each frater, distributed with the menus, added not a little to the enjoyment of the evening. The supper, in regular courses, was excellent, and the toasts came in just right to finish up on. Music, songs, declamations, comic (?) operas, etc., filled up the rest of the evening, which was concluded by a Choctaw walk-around and three good cheers. May we have many more such, and may some of our brothers be here to help us enjoy some of them.

Omicron—Iowa State University.

FRATERNITY matters in the University are moving along with the accustomed regularity. Since our last letter we have initiated two worthy men,—Harry Stanton Marquardt, and Horace Greeley Clark, both of Iowa City, the former a brother of a loyal Delta, while the latter cannot claim relationship with either of the Clarks in our chapter. The contest for men this year has been quite spirited, but as predicted in our last, we have not experienced any difficulty in obtaining our quota of good men. At present the active membership of the different fraternities in the university is as follows: $\Delta T \Delta$, fifteen; $B \Theta \Pi$, thirteen; $\Phi K \Psi$, nine; ΣX , eight; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, seven.

The Betas have apparently lowered their former standard, and will be very much weakened when the class of '86 graduates. $\Phi K \Psi$ is young, but shows the vigor of youth, and has a recognized standing. ΣX has partially recovered the ground lost last year, and bids fair to become established on a more solid basis than ever before. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ is much inferior to its former standing, both in men and influence. Our lady Greeks are prosperous though conservative. It was rumored that a chapter of $\Delta \Gamma$ had been established here, but if so, it is still *sub rosa*.

Iota—Michigan State.

Iota is just closing a term of hard work, and we look back at the results of our efforts with the greatest satisfaction, and forward with most sanguine anticipations of continued success. Six have been initiated, and Bros. Perrigo, '88, and Burnham, Bartmess, Hubbard, McDonald and Gladden, '89, are the men who are to make Iota's future prosperity outshine all her past

successes. Our energetic president and new departments have started the anticipated boom at this institution, and while many colleges have entered small classes this fall, we have the largest and best class we have had for years. Iota's successful efforts to secure the best are largely due to her invariable policy of refraining from belittling her rivals, and winning on her superiority alone. We never misrepresent, and have a record for square above-board work of which we are proud. As a chapter, we are a unit in brotherly regard for each other, and enthusiasm for good old Delta Tau. Music, that great power to "soothe the savage breast," we make the most of, and piano, violin, guitar, banjo and flute are seldom at rest on Saturday evenings. We hope soon to replace the piano now in our rooms with one of our own.

Last Saturday evening, November 14th, we entertained our friends in the chapter hall. It was a genuine Delta evening, enjoyed alike by guests and Delta brothers; and proved a fitting culmination to our term's successful work. We were glad to have with us Bros. Ware, Hoyt and Coulter, '82, Carpenter, '73, and Carpenter, '79. Nothing pleases us more than to have brothers of our own and other chapters visit us. Efforts are being made by the Eclectic Literary Society to secure another fraternity here. We hope they may be successful, and, as they express themselves as bound to persevere till they succeed, we think they will. The society contains many fine men, and the college is prosperous and growing.

Gamma—Washington and Jefferson.

A. T. BAIRD, Esq., Treasurer of Washington-Jefferson College, last week received a check from New York for \$30,306—the proceeds from the sale of Cleveland & Pittsburgh Railroad stock, bequeathed by the late Rev. Dr. Charles C. Beatty, of Steubenville, Ohio. Dr. Beatty's total contributions to the college exceed \$105,000. Prof. J. F. Ray, Gamma, '72, now occupies the chair of Physics and Chemistry of Washington-Jefferson. He came here from the Detroit High School, and is becoming deservedly popular with the students.

Gamma Chapter is in excellent condition. The term was begun with seven men. We have initiated two,—Ott McLaughlin, of Wheeling, W. Va., and Sherrard Elliott, of New York City—both sought after by other fraternities—and we have another man pledged. Gamma is reinforced by Whistler, formerly of Alpha, a good fellow, well liked, and a worthy Delta. Our hall has been handsomely refurnished and everything is comfortable. Bro. Garrison represents Gamma on the Board of Editors of the Annual to be issued by the Juniors. Two of the prominent oilmen now in town are old Delta Tans,—Messrs. Henry W. Williams, who was initiated at the Western University, and Charlie Newlon, an old Alpha boy. Both keep up their interest in the fraternity.

Alpha—Allegheny.

SINCE our last, we may state that Alpha has been proceeding on her way admirably, and with abundant success. We may announce the fruits of our labors by introducing to you the initiates: Bros. K. Carl Kreek, of Titusville, Pa., and John C. Armstrong, of Brownsville, Pa. We are happy to think that old Allegheny College was so fortunate this year as to have two new men join her ranks that would make good royal Deltas. We think that there are also several more of such stripe, and we await further developments. We now number eight active members, and our chapter is in a good condition. Although it is not as strong in numbers as it might be, we feel that it is growing within itself. While we are eight in number, we are one in spirit. Perfect harmony is something that Alpha can always boast of. As we believe that the vitality of any chapter depends only upon the standard of the members enrolled, we regard it imperative to choose only the best, and unhesitatingly exclude all those who would have a tendency to lower the dignity of the chapter.

It is gratifying to announce that two new professors have been added to the faculty: Rev. W. G. Williams, of Jamestown, N. Y., Professor of Ethics; Rev. T. N. Luckock, of Pittsburgh, Pa., Professor of Mathematics. These are men of superior ability, and will undoubtedly be a credit to the college. Two hundred and thirty-two students are now in attendance. The Civil Engineering course, so lately inaugurated in the curricu-

lum, is now becoming one of the principal college courses. Facilities for carrying on the work are being added, and ere long nothing will be wanting to make the course complete.

Chapter Alpha opened the social season (just as usual) with an old-fashioned taffy pull. The party was the first of the kind this season. Excellent music was procured, all those present seemed to have especially enjoyed themselves, and complimented us again and again upon our beautiful suite of rooms. There were about forty present. This happy event may be enlisted among the many social successes of Alpha.

Psi — Wooster.

SINCE our last letter Bro. Sharpe has left us. He was elected to a position in Shadyside Academy, East Pittsburgh, Pa., which he accepted. We are sorry to lose "Bob," but are comforted some from the fact that he will return next year to finish his course. Psi has added a culinary department to her hall. Bro. Rocky is chief cook, and a real connoisseur at dishing up the bivalves. Bro. Anglinbaugh has recently presented us with a very fine painting of a Delta badge. The work is done on a silvered plaque, which is set in a frame of hammered brass. It is unique. Psi has been well remembered in late elections. Bro. Shallenberger is to manage the scenes in two Shakspearean entertainments to be given, one at the close of this term, and the other at the opening of the next. Bro. W. S. Bowman was elected historian of his class. In the Military Department we hold our share of the offices. If there is any honor in offices, we are surely blessed. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ and $\Phi K \Psi$ are fitting up new halls in a brick block that is just finished. Their location is central. The $K A \Theta$ ladies held a reception at the home of one of their resident members on halloween.

Beta Epsilon — Emory.

WITH the return of Bros. Key, Johnson and Crossby, the Beta Epsilon was enabled to open the year with sixteen men. We desire to introduce Bro. J. B. Clark, who was initiated last spring, and Bros. Reed, Daniel and Landrum, who have announced their fealty to $\Delta T \Delta$ since the beginning of the fall term. With Bro. J. A. Williams, who returns in April to graduate with '86, Beta Epsilon will have three seniors, three juniors, seven sophomores, three freshmen and four sub-freshmen.

Feeling the need of being well represented in each class, and with a view of having a good working force in the next Freshman Class, we initiated four members of the Preparatory De-

partment. This department is recognized as an integral part of the college, and all our rivals, $\mathcal{K}\mathcal{A}$, $\Phi\Delta\Theta$, $X\Phi$, $\mathcal{A}\mathcal{T}\Omega$, $\Sigma\mathcal{A}\mathcal{E}$ and $\Sigma\mathcal{N}$ have initiated men enrolled therein. In fact, many of the very best and most intelligent fraternity men now in Emory were initiated while preps.

The chapter is in sound and healthy condition. A great revival of interest in the general fraternity is noticeable, while the study of the history, government and policy of $\mathcal{A}\mathcal{T}\Delta$ is steadily on the increase. We have settled all our debts, and have in the treasury a small cash balance. In short, we are on the high road to prosperity.

Upsilon — Rensselaer.

SINCE the last issue of THE CRESCENT, we have initiated two more members of the Class of '89, namely, Bros. Paul Hébert, of Marietta, Ga., and Laurence Martin, of Mobile, Ala. Upsilon regrets to announce the departure of Bro. Puyana, '87, who was obliged to return home on account of the war in his country. Bro. Emory is convalescent from a severe illness. We have removed all our debts, and are in a good financial condition. As Seal Agent the chapter will be glad to fill any order of the other chapters. The "rushing season" is about over, and the following list shows the initiates of the different fraternities for this year: $Z\Psi$ two, $\Theta\Sigma$ two, $\mathcal{A}\mathcal{T}\Delta$ five, $\Delta\mathcal{K}\mathcal{E}$ four, $\Delta\Phi$ two, $X\Phi$ three, $\Theta\Delta$ one. Bro. Bigelow, '89, has been appointed editor from his class of *The Polytechnic*, the monthly published by the Institute.

Delta — University of Michigan.

THE names of the men initiated this year by the Delta are as follows: C. Kirke Eddy, '89, East Saginaw, Mich.; Harry K. Gustin, '89, Bay City, Mich.; and Earnest F. Smith, '89, Pontiac, Mich. We will be able to add two more names to the above list before long.

The other fraternities represented here seem to be doing well in securing good men in the Freshman Class, and, as a rule, the fraternities at the U. of M. were never in better condition than at present. It is too early in the year to ascertain the exact number of fraternity men, but the following list is approximately correct. Chi Psi, nine; Sigma Phi, six; Alpha Delta Phi, fourteen; Delta Kappa Epsilon, eighteen; Zeta Psi, nine; Psi Upsilon, thirty; Phi Kappa Psi, twenty-four; Beta Theta Pi, eighteen; Delta Tau Delta, sixteen. This list gives no standard of judgment as to relative strength. Besides the above

there are several Greek letter societies connected with the institution, but not recognized as a part of the fraternity system. They are: Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Phi, Nu Sigma Nu, Delta Sigma, Phi Alpha, Delta Upsilon, and two soroses — Kappa Alpha Theta, and Gamma Phi Beta.

The fraternity juniors' hop will take place on the 19th of February, 1886. Our chapter hop will be sometime in the first part of January, and we hope to have a reunion at that time. The refurnishing of our house is at last completed, and we are settled down to our year's work. We have plenty of spare room for visiting Deltas, and they are always welcome. Bro. Jay J. Reed, '77, of Chicago, spent a few days with us the first of November. Bro. Will Carleton is to lecture at University Hall on the evening of February 12, 1886.

Mu — Ohio Wesleyan.

SINCE our last letter we have added to our number Bro. A. L. Banker, '86. It is a peculiar fact that Chapter Mu holds the same positions this year on *The Transcript* that she held last year,—the positions of local and exchange editors, occupied last year by Bros. Austin and Magruder, being occupied this year by Bros. Arnold and Banker.

The lack of enthusiasm in fraternity circles is especially noticeable at present. Thus far this year there have been but eight initiates into the several fraternities. Of this number, $\Delta T \Delta$ and $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ have each taken two, while each of the other fraternities have taken but one. Only two of these initiates are "new men," the others having been in college previous to this year. At the same time last year $\Delta T \Delta$ herself had initiated four men, and the other fraternities had been nearly or quite as active. This marked falling off is probably due to the decrease in the attendance of male students. The female department, on the contrary, is unusually full of live and interesting material, and the lack of zeal in "rushing" men seems to be more than counterbalanced by the zeal on the part of the different fraternities in "rushing" the girls. The entire number of active fraternity men in the college at present is sixty-seven. These are distributed among the fraternities as follows: $\Phi K \Psi$, fifteen; $B \Theta \Pi$, fourteen; $\Delta T \Delta$, twelve; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, eleven; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, nine; and $X \Phi$, six.

Prof. John S. Van Cleve, '71, delivered two very interesting lectures before the students of the college last week. This is the second time Bro. Van Cleve has lectured before the college, and, if possible, he will also appear before us again next year.

Chi — Kenyon.

On September 9 the cry of the valiant sons of Kenyon once more awoke from their reverie the peaceful inhabitants of the sequestered village of Gambier. It was pleasant to return the friendly greetings of those from whom one had been separated, even though it were but the short space of a summer's vacation. The term opened auspiciously, with about the usual quota of students. Though Bro. Reid and your humble servant are the only members of Chi at present, yet we are fighting the good fight, looking forward to the time when our numbers shall be considerably augmented, in consequence of which fact we may help to consummate the one great object in view—to make Delta Tau Delta not only the strongest fraternity in the land, but one whose influence in society may be as widely felt. Bro. Heins, an alumnus of Lafayette, has the department of Greek and Political Economy at Kenyon Grammar School. A more enthusiastic Delta than Bro. Heins cannot, we venture to assert, be found anywhere. Bro. Harris, '85, is engaged in business at Tyrone, Ind. Bro. Herlinger, '83, formerly a teacher of Latin and German at the Grammar School, and who, May last, was admitted to the bar, is practicing his profession at Cincinnati. The Alpha Delta Phi, consisting of nine members; Theta Delta Chi, of five members; Beta Theta Pi, five; Delta Kappa Epsilon, four; and Psi Upsilon, eleven, are our rival fraternities.

Sigma — Columbia.

Our chapter now consists of nine active members. At the beginning of the year we initiated Bro. John K. Marsh, '87, of Muncie, Ind., who will represent us on the board of editors of *The Miner*. We expect soon to increase our numbers by valuable additions from the classes of '88 and '89. The chapter is more closely organized and its work is done more systematically than last year, and, consequently, we hope to make it more effective. We are gaining for ourselves a place among the chapters of the eleven or twelve fraternities represented at Columbia, which will be a credit to Delta Tau Delta. We have pleasant rooms at No. 61 East Forty-first street, where we meet every Tuesday evening. We were aided in securing and furnishing these rooms by members of other chapters, but especially are we indebted to Bro. A. P. Trautwein, Rho, '76, who has given us unhesitatingly his time and experience. If the chapter has been weak in the past, it is now upon its feet, and, if indications go for anything, is rapidly developing a healthy state of activity and growth.

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LADIES' FRATERNITIES.

Delta Gamma Anchora.

NEARLY one hundred years after the establishment of the first college secret society by gentlemen; four young ladies at Asbury University, Greencastle, Ind., realized the advantages, and feeling the need of such a society for themselves, founded the first chapter of the Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity. Other ladies have followed the initiative taken by them, until there are now in existence nine ladies' fraternities, of greater or less note. Next in order of seniority come Kappa Kappa Gamma and Delta Gamma. Kappa Alpha Theta has extended its boundaries until it now includes twelve chapters (possibly more), and a membership of more than five hundred. Although it has a few honorary members, it does not encourage their admission. Kappa Kappa Gamma has been one of the most successful and prosperous of the ladies' fraternities. Originating at Monmouth, Ill., in October, 1870, it has continued to grow until it has now a list of chapters numbering at least eighteen, and a membership of about one thousand. With justifiable pride its members point to Mrs. Mary A. Livermore as an honorary member of their fraternity. Delta Gamma, the youngest of these three, first existed as a fraternity in 1874. It now includes twelve active chapters and about three hundred members. As is natural, the relative strength and members of these three fraternities is somewhat proportional to the number of conventions held. The conventions of Kappa Kappa Gamma have been seven in number, of Kappa Alpha Theta five, and of Delta Gamma three.

these Greek letter societies,—a comparison which it is needless, perhaps, to say, could not and did not fail to result to the entire satisfaction of the assemblage. That Delta Tau Delta received due praise, as one of the fraternities which had lived up to the high standard which had been chosen for it, need surprise no one who knows Bro. Carleton, as an earnest advocate of our Fraternity. Prof. John L. N. Hunt, *Θ*, '62, of New York, well known as one of the founders of the Fraternity, then, in behalf of the resident members, delivered the address of welcome to the delegates and visitors in a particularly happy strain. To this responses were made by A. H. Roudebush, *A*, '70; C. C. B. Reid, *Γ*, '83; Orrin Serfass, *N*, '82; E. P. Mowton, *P*, '86, and P. H. Hébert, *Γ*, '89, representing their several chapters.

After a brief recess the Conference, shortly after the noon hour, promptly organized for business. The report of the Secretary showed that all of the chapters had sent duly accredited representatives; the President then announced the list of the standing committees; the reports of several of the chapters were heard, after which, at 12.30 o'clock P. M., the Conference adjourned until the afternoon session.

At two o'clock the Conference reassembled, heard the remaining chapter reports, all of which showed them to be in a prosperous condition, with, perhaps, one exception. The reports of several of the committees were then heard and action taken thereon. As a consequence the date of the next Conference was fixed on Tuesday, February 22, 1887. It will be held, as usual, in the City of New York, this time under the auspices of the Rho Chapter. Upon that occasion the following officers will be asked to act: Rev. L. A. Crandall, *K*, '78, President; A. P. Trautwein, *P*, '76, and Orrin Serfass, *N*, '82, Vice-Presidents; B. E. Gregory, *Γ*, '88, Secretary. William Kent, *P*, '76, was subsequently elected Orator, and Herbert W. Collingwood, *I*, '83, Poet of the occasion.

The Conference then listened to a paper read by the Secretary in the absence of the author, on "THE CRESCENT as a Factor in the Development of the Fraternity," by E. P. Cullum, *A*, '82, Secretary of the First Grand Division. It was well

received and deserves a wider publication. A paper by A. P. Trantwein, *P*, '76, on "Delta Tau Delta Among the Fraternities," defined the relative positions of our Fraternity and its rivals from various points of view. W. W. Cook, *A*, '80, then made a statement regarding the proposed Chapter Fund, and the general financial policy of the Fraternity, defined its legal privileges and responsibilities, and thus gave in outline the ideas embodied in a paper upon the subject which he had been invited to prepare. A statement was received from J. B. Ware, *I*, '82, General Treasurer of the Fraternity, urging the chapters to take such action as may be within their power, and make the Chapter Fund a permanent feature in our financial system. The Conference then took a brief recess, during which L. W. Serrell, *P*, '87, succeeded in taking an excellent group photograph of the Conference. Upon reassembling, a number of resolutions were discussed regarding matters of general fraternity policy, proposed convention legislation, schemes for extension, all of such a nature that they connect with due regard to the best interests of the Fraternity, be made public in these columns. Provision was made for publishing the proceedings of this and last year's Conference, under the direction of the Secretary.

It was six o'clock before the Conference was able to close its business session and adjournment was decided upon. Bro. Carleton, with utmost unselfishness, gave the Conference his undivided time and attention, and it was mainly due to his promptness and interest that so much good and substantial work was accomplished. Bro. Wilbur F. Smith, *T*, '87, was all that could be desired in the position of Secretary. The discussions were freely entered into by the older alumni present, and their counsel and experience was of evident value.

At eight o'clock in the evening the delegates, with visitors to the number of about forty, assembled at the Casino to listen to Strauss' comic opera, "The Gypsy Baron." Thanks to the foresight of the Committee of Arrangements, seats in the parquet had been secured, in sufficient number, several weeks in advance, a necessary and wise precaution. At eleven o'clock the party repaired to Morelli's, 8 West Twenty-eighth street, to partake of

the annual conference banquet. An elaborate menu was presented, to which full justice was done. Speeches were made after dinner in response to toasts given out by A. Arnoux, Σ , '86, who acted as toastmaster, as follows: "Our Fraternity," A. P. Trautwein, P , '76; "The Alumni of Delta Tau," W. W. Cook, Δ , '80; "The Press," H. W. Collingwood, I , '83, who responded by reciting his poem, "The Editor's Girl," in a happy and pleasing strain; "Undergraduate Days," Orrin Serfass, N , '82; "The First Division Conference," Wilbur F. Smith, T , '87; "The Ladies" were toasted by H. R. Asserson, T , '87, and Paul H. Hébert, T , '89, closed the speech-making in a charmingly happy vein. The toasts were interspersed with college and fraternity songs.

In the judgment of all who participated in the several exercises of this conference, it fully equalled any of its predecessors, both in the business which was transacted and in its social features, which always receive much attention in the annual conferences of the First Division. The Register contains the names of fifty-five members who participated, but there were others present at various times whose names have not been recorded. Upsilon sent a delegation of eleven, which included almost its entire undergraduate membership. There was a noticeable uniformity in the appearances and make up of the several undergraduate delegations, a pleasing fact commented upon by many of the alumni present. The Conference was fully noticed in the city papers, both before and after the meeting.

THE EDITOR'S GIRL.*

Herbert W. Collingwood, Iota, '83.

You know the old fellow who long ago said,
 After painfully thinking and rubbing his head,
 That with one simple lever he'd make the world jump
 From its place—into space—with a terrible thump.
 If he had but a log and a good place to stand,
 He could move the great world by one touch of his hand.
 The old fellow's lever was easily found,
 But the log and the place to stand never came round ;
 And the people laughed loud at the dreaming old man.
 They called him a lunatic—sneered at his plan.
 Yet we—foolish quill-drivers—know he was right ;
 The world *can* be swayed from the dark to the light.
 The Press is *our* lever, far down in the heart
 Of the people it reaches and holds for its part.
 The Press is the lever, yet where does it rest ?
 The noble old Roman or Greek at his best
 Was forced to give up on his log long ago ;
 Yet we have discovered it—listen ! I'll show
 The lever swings on as the busy years whirl,
 And it rests in the hands—of the Editor's Girl !

The Editor's Girl ! What, that small party there
 With a square inch of forehead down under her hair ?
 With a fist like a snowball—a mouth like a rose,
 With a smile that would thaw out your heart though it froze ?
 Admit it—be honest, my brothers, to-day—
 We *are* brothers—I'll not give your secret away.
 Own it up, has the little girl not made your life
 Far better and purer and held you from strife ?
 Don't you know how you stood—may be years ago,
 How you wanted to stay and yet wanted to go ?
 While the little girl looked up at you with a smile
 And a queer sort of look in her eyes all the while ;
 Till you found that you *couldn't* stay longer aloof,
 And you reached for her mouth—and, in fact, you "took proof ?"
 Now honestly—didn't you after that night,
 Think of her every time when you sat down to write
 Your wild editorials ?—how they did shine
 Touched up by friend Cupid, that fellow divine.

*Spoken in reply to the toast, "The Press," at the Conference Banquet of the First Grand Division of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, New York City, February 22, 1898.

She would smile up at you from the bottle of ink,
 While you sat there patiently trying to think.
 You knew that your paper would always be read
 By at least one subscriber whose dear little head
 Would treasure the good and forget all the ill,
 And think you a wonderful personage still.
 And under your coat there, you carried a charm.
 That would make Trouble shake in its boots in alarm.
 I know what it was—it was only a curl
 From the head of the Editor's dear little Girl.

You smile at me now, and you say that these joys
 Are all very well for a great crowd of boys ;
 But that when a man's beard and his head have turned gray,
 The romance and poetry all fly away.
 Now, if it be true, that the heart will grow cold,
 Let us solemnly swear that we'll never grow old.
 Say, tell me, you bald-headed men over there—
 You studious fellows with more brain than hair—
 You men who stand looking down through the dim years,
 All filled up with pleasures and trials and tears—
 Does the little girl really grow *old* with each year ?
 Is she ever less fair, is she ever less dear
 Than she was when she looked in your face long ago
 With the look in her eyes that sent fire through you so ?
 When she spoke the three words that have made up your life,
 That have kept you from sorrow and held you through strife ?
 Would you not give as much—come, be honest to-night—
 For one curl from her head though it be streaked with white ?
 Do her cheeks really fade as the busy years whirl ?
 Is she *ever* aught else but the Editor's Girl ?

Think over your life ; all the joys you have had ;
 All the beautiful memories tender and sad,
 That come as the starlight breaks through the dark pine,
 That twine round your heart as the soft tendrils twine.
 Ah—the lip may well tremble—the eye may well fill
 With tears—not unmanly is that tender thrill.
 As you think of the anguish that wrung through her life
 When the little child dropped from the world's busy strife.
 Ah, the brave little woman—her lips wore a smile
 Though you knew that her poor heart was breaking the while.
 Ah, how small will *our* portion of fame be, my friends,
 When the mighty bookkeeper shall foot up both ends
 Of the ledger ; our portion will be indeed small ;
 Yet she—little woman—would give us her all.

Do your troubles not bring you still closer together,
 No matter how gloomy, how stormy life's weather ?
 Does she not still to you her best influence give ?
 Do you not know her better each day that you live ?
 Does she lead you in truth such a wonderful dance ?
 And *is* it all poetry, bosh and romance ?
 You've been over the road—*you* know what you're about ;
 We simple, young fellows would gladly find out.
 For we have a notion—no doubt it's all wrong ;
 No doubt down in practice it's not worth a song—
 That a man may mount high to the temple of Fame—
 The honor, the love of the world he may claim.
 Yet back of it all, unobserved and unknown,
 A woman is silently building his throne.
 She is patiently, lovingly working the while
 With a woman's unreasoning love and a smile,
 And as long as the years dance their magical whirl,
 We will praise her for ever—The Editor's Girl.

THE MIAMI TRIAD IN EXTENSION.

J. E. Brown, in Φ Δ Θ Scroll.

THE revival of Miami University, after its inactivity of over half a score of years, has turned to this historic ground the attention of the several fraternities who were connected with its history—memorable no less in fraternity than in college annals. The journals of the different fraternities who have thus been connected with her career have contained articles valuable from a historical as well as a literary point of view. They have told of the rise and fall of one of the most renowned institutions of learning west of the Alleghenies ; how her fame spread, bringing students from many States ; of the work they did ; of the statesmen, scholars, and professional men she has sent out ; how she became the pioneer of the fraternity system in the West ; how three of these societies were founded there, and the story of their fortunes, until the closing of her doors in 1873.

In speaking of Miami, the fraternity man almost invariably refers to it as the birthplace of the three powerful fraternities, *B Θ Π*, *Φ Δ Θ* and *Σ X*, giving them in the order of their birth.

When we reflect that among the fraternities of Western origin there are but three others, namely, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, $\Phi K \Psi$ and $\Delta T \Delta$,* which have developed a strength by any means proportional to these; a comparison of statistics between them, and their standing, as a group, in the fraternity world, is strongly suggested. What makes the idea still more striking is the fact that the three not of Miami origin are themselves closely related in their beginnings. $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ was founded at Jefferson College, Pennsylvania, in 1848. $\Phi K \Psi$ at the same place, in 1852. $\Delta T \Delta$, the youngest of the Western fraternities, originated at Bethany College, West Virginia, in 1850. The civil war was disastrous to Bethany; the college closed its doors, and the reins of authority which had been with the parent chapter of the new fraternity were turned over to the chapter at Jefferson, where they remained until 1869. Thus this chapter in reality exercised the influence of the parent during the formative period of that fraternity. So this group of six, making up what are called the "Western Fraternities," is divided into threes, one trio of which were nursed in the western borders of the Keystone State, while the other, which we shall here designate as the Miami Triad, came to light at the honored university of that name, in the southwestern borders of the Buckeye State.

Fraternities have been classed as Eastern, Western and Southern, not only because they originated in a particular section, but because their main development has been in that section in which they originated. Those of eastern origin are strongest in the East, the western in the West, and the southern in the South. $\Delta K E$ at one time came nearer being an exception than has any other fraternity. Originating at Yale, in 1844, ten years later she had eighteen chapters, of which only eight were Eastern, the rest having been established in the more promising schools of the South and West. All these Southern branches were killed by the war, of which only two were revived at its close—those at the Universities of Virginia and Mississippi; but the lately expressed

* Whatever of merit may attach to the individual chapters of $\Phi K \Sigma$, she has not exhibited that enterprise as a general fraternity which characterized the others. Hence her omission from this list.

plan of again entering the South has been vouched for by the appearance of chapters at Central and Alabama. As the fraternities stand to-day, the preponderance of strength in each is in and about the section of their origin. The ultra-conservative policy of a few has limited them entirely to a single section, but with these exceptions, the rest have a few chapters in colleges which are at quite a distance from their main body. $\Delta K E$, the most democratic of Eastern fraternities, alone has a number of chapters equal to that of any of the Western, her roll excelling that of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ by two, and of $\Delta T \Delta$ by three. With this exception, the Western have for a long time surpassed all others in that respect. * * * *

As regards extension among fraternities, there none which can lay claim to as wide or as symmetrical a development as that of those of the Miami Triad. Founded as they were in the West, when it was enjoying a vigorous growth, they developed with it, occupied its territory, and together with the Jefferson Triad, went beyond it in the direction most natural—South, where were unoccupied the flourishing State universities and a few other schools which had attained prominence. At that time the now typical Southern fraternities had not made their appearance, but the ground became none the less well occupied, for both Eastern and Western began to push themselves into these schools of the South, making, as Mr. Baird has said in his "American College Fraternities," often the first meeting place of the Eastern and the Western fraternities in some college of the South. On the rolls of the Western fraternities at the beginning of the war, we find a goodly number of chapters had been established in the South, and, as has been mentioned in the case of $\Delta K E$, a preponderance of chapters was in that section. That conflict made a change, and at its close fraternities had again to go forth from their original starting points. We are inclined to believe that it was the war that brought much of that element, conservatism, into the fraternity world. During its progress extension was necessarily stopped, and at its close they were loath to push it. No college has been added to the roll of $\Sigma \Phi$ since '58, and but one to that of $K A$. Up to '59 $\Delta \Delta \Phi$ had steadily extended her

borders, without indiscretion, too, and since then she has entered but two colleges. A cursory glance at the roll of ΨT may give the impression that her course was not altered; but it is interesting to know that of the six chapters admitted to worship at her shrine since '60, all were organized before becoming chapters of ΨT . Three had been established as local societies, while the three others, in which taste was displayed at the expense of courtesy, were lifted from other fraternities, namely, the Michigan chapter from $B \Theta \Pi$; Chicago from $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ and $\Phi K \Psi$, and the Cornell from $\Phi K \Psi$. $\Delta K E$, which at one time bid most fair to become the national fraternity, for some restraining cause has for many years refused to avail herself of the vantage ground she once held in the South. Now, realizing that the colleges on that side of Mason and Dixon's line are as worthy as any, and influenced, no doubt, by the able article of Senator Butler in a preceding volume of the *Quarterly*, she is endeavoring to regain the prestige she once so honorably held there.

We find the Western fraternities leading in extension, as to number of chapters, as follows: $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 58; $B \Theta \Pi$, 47; ΣX , 35. $\Phi K \Psi$ follows with 35, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, 29, and $\Delta T \Delta$, 28. As to number of States entered, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ leads with 24, the others following: $B \Theta \Pi$, 21; ΣX , 16; $\Phi K \Psi$, 16; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, 12, and $\Delta T \Delta$, 12. Thus we see that not only does the Miami Triad lead all others in number of chapters, but in number of States entered, showing that their roll is not the result of unscrupulous crowding into any and all colleges of a particular section, but by outreaching into different States.

It is well to notice also that the only Western fraternities represented in New England are those of the Miami Triad. Not only are they represented there, but these chapters are among the most active and prosperous of these fraternities. $B \Theta \Pi$ entered Boston University in '76, which was followed by the revival of her long dead chapters at Harvard and Brown, and establishment at Maine State and Amherst. In '79 $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ entered the University of Vermont, the success of which chapter demonstrated that the East was available territory. Since then she has established herself at Colby, Dartmouth and Williams. ΣX has been repre-

sented at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology since 1882. Neither $\Phi K \Psi$ nor $\Delta T \Delta$ were ever established east of New York. $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ has twice entered New England, but has not succeeded in retaining her ground. The chapter at Sheffield Scientific School (Yale) did not prosper, and died. A chapter established at Williams, in '80, had scarcely been chartered when, owing to some dissatisfaction, it deserted to $Z \Psi$. The success of these New England chapters of the Miami fraternities has proven that they are able to cope favorably with longer established rivals, brought the Eastern and Western fraternities into closer contact, and created a more friendly relation between them than existed before. We hardly think the present able editors of the *Diamond* of ΨT would call upon her friends "to create a healthy public sentiment" against societies which are "necessarily destined to a short-lived, or at least precarious, existence," but would be more likely to "welcome the new chapters in direct proportion to the strength they manifest."

Another respect in which we find the Miami fraternities excelling, is in the number of chapters located at State universities. Mr. W. R. Baird, who until recently has been largely identified with the progressive moves of $B \Theta \Pi$, urges upon that fraternity the advisability of establishing herself in the State universities west of the Mississippi, in which she is not now represented. These institutions, from the very system of education throughout the West and South, are placed at the head of the college system. With scarcely an exception, in every Western and Southern State you will find the State university to be in the forefront, and in many cases, owing to liberal recognition, far in advance of competitors. They are bound to remain at the front as long as the demand for education exists. The wisdom and advantage of placing chapters in these institutions cannot be questioned, and it is pleasing to see how thoroughly this has been appreciated in certain quarters. In State universities $B \Theta \Pi$ has 12 chapters, ΣX , 10; $\Phi K \Psi$, 10; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, 8, and $\Delta T \Delta$, 6. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ leads with eighteen on her list, and the circle made by her chapters in universities of Vermont, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas,

Missouri, Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia, is one of which every Phi Delta Theta can well be proud, and one that gives a broad and firm support on which can be built the NATIONAL fraternity.

There are forty-six colleges in which one or more of the Miami Triad meets $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, $\Phi K \Psi$, or $\Delta T \Delta$, and in twenty-six they precede them. Of these twenty-six $B \Theta \Pi$ comes first at fifteen; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ precedes at eight; ΣX at three. In the remaining twenty $\Phi K \Psi$ precedes at eleven; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ at six; and $\Delta T \Delta$ at three. While speaking of the colleges in which the Western fraternities meet each other, it is natural to wonder in how many they come in contact with the Eastern. Such a comparison would be too lengthy here, but we can say that most all meet at some college on their list. Northern Kappa Alpha is the only exception. $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, $\Delta T \Delta$, and ΣX are not brought into contact with her at any college whatever. We would think that two fraternities, both claiming to be Eastern, would meet at one school, at least, but at the present time $X \Phi$ is not known in the college where $\Sigma \Phi$ is represented.

Some have tried to use the fact of the wide extension of the Western fraternities as an argument against them, asserting the long roll to rise from a "multiplicity of chapters in obscure institutions." We have clearly shown this not to be the case, the acquaintance of new chapters being the result of the acquisition of new territory. Were it the case we would find that the average number of rival chapters would be proportionately less. But this is not so; the number in all the Western fraternities is nearly the same, being about four and a half to each chapter. The question is not one as to how large a list can be built up, but how can the idea of a fraternity that shall bind together the sympathies of students, East, West, South and North, be realized. In so far as a fraternity approaches a national type, so all the more shall its strength be manifest, and its field of usefulness enlarged beyond that to which any provincial brotherhood can lay claim. It is with this aim in view that the leading colleges of different sections have been entered; not those whose future alone augured well, but whose present standing and work com-

mended itself. The present justifies this policy, and the future will make its wisdom more manifest. A half or even a quarter of a century ago the liveliest imagination would not have foretold such a growth in fraternity intelligence and recognition as exists to-day. Is the future to be less than the past? We do not believe that the system will retrograde; we believe that the code of fraternity ethics will mould itself perfectly to its environs; that fraternities will be as lasting as the colleges that shelter them. Then we have to build not only for ourselves, but for those who come after us. The future has its demands, as well as the present. The Western fraternities have more nearly met these demands than have their ultra-conservative rivals.

The Greek World.

$\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ has entered Knox and Lehigh.

THE next convention of $\Phi K \Psi$ meets in Indianapolis April 7 to 10, 1886.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has entered Williams, and revived at Cornell and the University of California.

THE Forty-fifth Annual Convention of $X \Psi$ meets in New York city, April 7 and 8, 1886.

ΣN has entered the University of Missouri. Members of ΣN , ΣX and $\Sigma A E$ call themselves "Sigs."

$K A \Theta$ will soon publish her first catalogue, under the supervision of the Alpha Chapter of DePauw University.

THE report that $\Delta T \Delta$ intends granting a charter to petitioners at Franklin College is without foundation, for $\Delta T \Delta$ has no such intention.

THE following fraternities, named in the order of their establishment, are represented at the University of Kansas: $B \Theta \Pi$, $\Phi K \Psi$, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, ΣX , and ΣN .

THE only man that $\Phi K \Sigma$ had in the college department at the Northwestern was married during the holidays, and left college, leaving three Preps to uphold $\Phi K \Sigma$'s banner in Evanston.

THE Grand Chapter of $K A \Theta$ met in Wooster, Ohio, February 25 and 26, 1886. The charters were withdrawn from the chapters at the University of Michigan, the Ohio University, and Butler University.

THETA XI, with chapters at Sheffield Scientific School, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Stevens and Massachusetts Institutes of Technology, held its annual convention with the Yale Chapter on February 20.

THE members of the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity resident in and about New York had a social reunion and dinner at Clark's. The gathering was under the auspices of the Stevens, Columbia and Rutgers Chapters. It was entirely an undergraduate affair.

CHIEF JUSTICE BARTLETT TRIPP, of the Supreme Court of Dakotah, is a ΔT ; Robert Garrett, of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, is a $Z \Psi$; Professor Orra P. John, of De Pauw University, is an $A X \Omega$; Colonel Henry Lowndes Muldrow, who was a member of Congress from Mississippi in the 45th, 46th, 47th and 48th Congress, and who is now the First Assistant Secretary of the Interior, is a $\Delta T Z$; James Russell Lowell, Edward Everett Hale, Charles Francis Adams, Jr., and Donald Grant Mitchell ("Ik. Marvel") are members of $A \Delta \Phi$.

NEARLY two hundred members of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity were present at the annual reunion and banquet of the New York Alumni Association, at the Hotel Brunswick, on February 13. A committee was appointed to report on the feasibility of securing a club-house in New York city, as now maintained by $\Delta \Psi$, $\Delta \Phi$ and $\Delta K E$. Ex-President Arthur was elected President; and among the Vice-Presidents we find the names of Judge Van Vorst, Ex-President Chamberlain, of Bowdoin; Drs. R. S. MacArthur and C. H. Parkhurst. Among the speakers at the banquet were the following, with the toasts to which they replied: " ΨT Historical," Hon. W. E. Robinson; " ΨT Poetical," Edmund Clarence Stedman; " ΨT Clerical," Dr. MacArthur; " ΨT Universal," Waldo Hutchins; " ΨT Professional," Hon. Galusha A. Grow. Rev. James K. Lombard contributed an original poem, "Noctes Ambrosianæ."

FRATERNITIES AT STEVENS.

IN our last letter we promised to submit some historical and statistical information concerning the fraternity system at the Stevens Institute of Technology, believing that such a statement might be of some interest to the readers of *THE CRESCENT*. Most of our information has been obtained from the Chapter Archives, which we have every reason to believe are reliable.

The origin of the fraternity system here dates from the year 1874, for we find, at that time, no Greek letter fraternity, either formed or in the process of formation. We might except the Delta Sigma, which had a local existence, and in a very limited field merely served the purpose of a social club. It died, however, in the advent of the Theta Xi, February, 1874, which placed its Gamma Chapter at this institution. This fraternity, with chapters at Rensselaer and Yale, was announced to be an engineering society, confining its chapter roll strictly to scientific schools. It devoted itself, however, to the social element of its existence, and took an active part in the college politics. The opposition which this engendered, and the presence of James B. Pierce, Eta, '73, who enjoyed much personal popularity and influence, induced a number of members of '76 to combine for purposes of mutual protection, and to petition Delta Tau Delta for a chapter. Accordingly the Rho was placed at Stevens on May 9, 1874, and thus the political equilibrium was speedily restored. The entering class of 1874 being a very large and active one, taxed the fraternity facilities of the institute to their greatest extent. The want was soon supplied by the entrance, in February, '75, of the Alpha Sigma Chi with chapters at Rutgers and Cornell, which placed its Gamma Chapter at Stevens. The advent of the new-comer but slightly affected the relative standard of the two fraternities, each of which had its own peculiar standard of membership, so that there was little or no competition on that score. In the fall of 1879 the Alpha Sigma Chi united with the Beta Theta Pi, and its chapter here became the Sigma of the latter.

Owing to increased reputation the attendance at the Institute grew rapidly during the next few years, making it evident that there was abundant room for one and even two more fraternities. Hence, when

it was known that, on November 7, 1881, the New Jersey Alpha Kappa, of the Alpha Tau Omega, had been chartered, everyone was prepared to predict for it a prosperous existence. The chapter was, however, peculiarly unfortunate in the choice of its members, and never succeeded in gaining a foothold, having enrolled only eight men, two of whom were affiliated from elsewhere. In the spring of 1882 steps were taken to organize a chapter of the Chi Psi Fraternity, but the petitioners did not succeed in accomplishing their object until February 14, 1883, when the Alpha Chi, of the Chi Psi, was chartered. This chapter started out with good prospects, and gave promise of success. For some time efforts had been made in behalf of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, and, on February 26, 1883, these resulted in the establishment of the Alpha Delta Chapter of that fraternity.

Up to this time, although the fraternities virtually controlled and directed public opinion in the college community, yet party lines were not drawn offensively in college politics. This was due largely to the fact that the college politics were entirely confined to the Athletic Association, there being no literary societies or similar organizations. The publication of the college annual, *The Eccentric*, first issued in 1874, was, it is true, virtually in the hands of the fraternities since 1879, the board of editors containing one member for each of the three fraternities, and one representing the neutrals. The advent of Chi Psi and Sigma Chi immediately raised the question of their right to representation on *The Eccentric* Board. This having long been organized, with its work well under way, Theta Xi and Delta Tau Delta promptly resolved to lay over their petition until the following year, when their claim as permanent institutions would be demonstrated. Beta Theta Pi wishing to appear as the champion of the oppressed, and guided by a desire to wield an influence beyond that which they had heretofore possessed, encouraged the new-comers to establish *The Bolt* as a rival to *The Eccentric*, meantime, however, continuing their membership in the latter annual; but public opinion, however, soon compelled them to display their true colors, and to withdraw from *The Eccentric*. In November, 1883, the fraternity system was enlarged by the addition of the Mu Chapter of the Chi Phi Fraternity, which was chartered under auspices of the most promising character on November 24, 1883. These promises have since been fully realized. Declining a place on *The Bolt* for 1884, they accepted a place on *The Eccentric* for 1885, and since have been identified with it. *The Bolt-Eccentric*

controversy served to draw strict party lines within the fraternity system, in this as well as other matters, but as there are very few matters pertaining to college politics, the tension is not as great as might be supposed; with the exception of, perhaps, one fraternity, the feeling does not extend into personal affairs.

The following table shows the membership of the different fraternities, with their distribution according to classes :

	Total Membership.	Initiates.	Affiliates.	Active Membership.	ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP. The distribution by classes.				Graduates.	Non-Graduates.
					'86	'87	'88	'89		
Theta Xi.....	69	66	3	12	3	2	3	4	28	29
Delta Tau Delta.....	67	66	1	12	4	3	1	4	37	18
Beta Theta Pi.....	72	67	5	16	5	2	7	2	30	26
Alpha Tau Omega.....	6	4	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	4
Chi Psi.....	23	22	0	9	2	4	1	2	10	3
Sigma Chi.....	20	17	3	10	4	2	2	2	3	7
Chi Phi.....	16	16	0	11	0	5	2	4	2	3
Total	272	258	14	71	19	18	16	18	111	90

We do not include in the above analysis the Mu Chapter of the Theta Nu Epsilon or Sophomore Society. This has been in existence since 1884, but has neither weight nor influence in college affairs. It draws its membership almost entirely from Beta Theta Pi and Sigma Chi: Delta Tau Delta, Chi Psi and Chi Phi having, it is known, prohibited their members, by special legislation, from joining. As nearly as can be ascertained it is merely a social club of very doubtful utility, and its present *personnel* is such as to prevent it from ever wielding any influence. As a political factor its influence is nil.

On the whole, the fraternity system at Stevens is in a very healthy condition. There are no known cases on record of men being lifted from one fraternity into another, as at many other colleges, and this in spite of the fact that men have found themselves in associations entirely contrary to their tastes. The sentiment of the college will not tolerate such an act. There are only two instances of expulsion. One fraternity expelled two of its members, and another has lost two by resignation. There have been but few transgressions in the matter of honorary membership, Beta Theta Pi having taken in four, Delta Tau Delta and Chi Phi each one.

Theta Xi meets in the First National Bank building, where they have comfortable rooms ; Delta Tau Delta and Chi Phi have rooms in the Martha Institute building, while the Beta Theta Pi shares its hall in the same building with a local literary club. All of these, together with the Sigma Chi, have their meetings on Friday nights. The latter has no visible meeting place. The Chi Psi has its rooms over the Hoboken Riding Academy, and meets on Monday evenings.

The Faculty, though not giving the fraternities any official recognition, has always been favorably disposed towards them. Four of the members of the Faculty are fraternity men : Professor MacCord is a Phi Kappa ~~Epsilon~~ ; Professor Geyer, a Phi Gamma Delta ; Professor Denton, a Delta Tau Delta, and Professor Wood, a Beta Theta Pi, elected in an honorary capacity while professor at the University of Michigan.

Of the 628 students that have been enrolled at the Institute since 1871, twenty-three were members of fraternities not chartered at the Institute, and 272 are members of the existing fraternities. Of the 209 graduates of the Institute, 111 are fraternity men. Of the 177 undergraduates here, 71 are members of the chartered fraternities, and six are members of those fraternities not otherwise represented.

There are no college honors in the accepted meaning of the term, and we have not the figures at hand to show the distribution of the offices within the gift of the undergraduates.

SECOND DIVISION CONFERENCE.

THE Fifth Annual Conference of the Second Division was held at Cleveland, March 25th and 26th, under the auspices of Chapter Zeta, of Adelbert College. Owing to the fact that most of the colleges in the division closed last week, the invitation to the conference found them in the midst of examinations, hence the representation was not as large as could be desired. The members of Chapter Chi participated in an oratorical contest the 26th, hence were precluded from attending or being represented. The following fraters were present in the capacity of delegates : From Chapter Mu, Bros. C. W. Evans and J. A. Arnold ; Chapter Psi, Bros. Allen Krichbaum and J. M. Shellenberger ; Chapter Eta, Bros C. N. Thomas, Will Ford and James Ford ;

Chapter Theta, Bro. H. L. Willett; Chapter Zeta, Bros. S. S. Wilson and C. S. Clark. Also from Chapter Delta, as visitors, Bros. J. C. Shaw and F. D. McDonnell.

The conference was called to order by K. B. Waite, of Zeta, in the parlors of the Hollenden, at 10 A. M., Thursday. On account of no delegate being present from Chapter Beta Delta, Chapter Mu, through her delegate, Bro. J. A. Arnold, assumed the chair. Bro. Will Ford, of Eta, was elected Vice-President, and Bro. Allen Krichbaum of Ψ assumed the position of Secretary. After perfecting the organization and appointing the necessary committees the conference adjourned until two o'clock.

The afternoon session was opened by an address of welcome to the visiting brethren by Prof. M. J. Hole, an alumnus of the Zeta. The response was given in a neat speech by Bro. C. W. Evans of Mu. Reports of the various chapters of the division were then read. Without exception the reports indicated not only a good healthy condition and bright prospects for the coming year, but also an unbounded enthusiasm and energy. Following a short secret session was an able exposition of the nature of the secrecy of the fraternity by Bro. Allen Krichbaum of Psi. The conference then entered into a discussion of the new ritual, opened by Bro. J. A. Arnold of Mu, with a concisely written paper entitled Ritualistic Knowledge and Observances. The discussion was of some length, the subject being handled in a business like manner. The conference then adjourned until morning. It was decided that the evening session should be given up largely to sociability in order that the delegates might become better acquainted with the resident Deltas who were unable to attend the session during the day. After the routine business had been finished Bro. A. E. Hyre, Eta, read a paper upon THE CRESCENT. After an earnest discussion of the paper formality was dropped and the evening was delightfully spent in social festivities.

The second day's session was opened with the routine business, which was followed by a discussion of the re-districting of the fraternity made necessary by the union with the W. W. W. Fraternity. An able address was then delivered by Bro. H. S. Willett of Theta upon chapter libraries. Bro. C. P. Ruple of Upsilon being present gave some very interesting suggestions, also giving the experience of Upsilon in early days. The afternoon session was opened with a feast of song. Inter-chapter relations were discussed in a paper by Bro. C. N. Thomas

of Eta. The conference entered into an informal discussion of Treasurer Ware's proposed financial policy, and instructed Chapter Zeta to write Bro. Ware a letter of commendation and encouragement. The remainder of the session, which was to be the last, was taken up with miscellaneous matters pertaining to the welfare of the fraternity and especially the division. The place and time of holding the next meeting was left to be decided by the division in the future. Thus ended the business portion of one of the Second's most successful conferences, notwithstanding that it was arranged in a week and occurred at a very unfortunate time for many of the chapters.

The fourth annual banquet of Zeta was held Friday evening, at which the conference were guests. The guests assembled in the conference hall about nine o'clock and the evening was given up to jollity of the richest kind. About ten o'clock the guests, about twenty-five in number, filed into the most elegant of the Hollenden's private dining rooms. After the delicacies of the season had been put away, Bro. M. J. Hole in neat little speeches announced the following toasts, the responses to which were the cause of much laughter and applause: "Our Fraternity," Allen Krichbaum, Ψ ; "Delta Tau Delta in the South," H. L. Willett, Theta; "Second Division Conference," J. A. Arnold, Mu; "Our Alumni Chapters," James Ford, Eta; "THE CRESCENT," J. C. Shaw, Delta; "Bethany, Our Castle," J. C. Norris, Theta; "Zeta," A. A. Bemis, Zeta; "Deltaism in Cleveland," W. M. Day, Mu. After the regular toasts were given many of the fraters responded extempore. Soon after the hour of midnight an adjournment was taken to the parlors, where the social festivities were continued, including the Choctaw walk around, until an early hour.

Editorial.

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THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE DELTA TAU DELTA AND RAINBOW.

WE take great pleasure in announcing that the consolidation of the Rainbow Fraternity, or the W. W. W. Society, as it is often called, with the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, negotiations for which have been pending for some time, has recently been effected on just and equitable terms. Our time and space will at present permit only a brief review of this movement, so momentous in the history of the fraternity and so prophetic of its future prosperity and development.

Previous to the convention of 1884, there had been informal expressions of a desire on the part of individual members of the two fraternities to bring about a union under some arrangement which would be equally favorable and satisfactory to both societies. Our own Fraternity had already decided upon a policy for extension in the South, whose educational institutions are rapidly recovering their former prosperity, and now offer a peculiarly favorable field for fraternity work. The subject was discussed at the Watkins' Glen Convention, and a committee of three was appointed to carry on negotiations looking toward a union of the two fraternities. This committee met a similar committee of the W. W. W. Fraternity at Nashville, Tennessee, on December 16, 1884. The result of the conference was the formulation of articles of agreement for the consolidation and union of the two fraternities. These were ratified by our executive council, and were subsequently approved by the chapters of the Rainbow Fraternity. Still later, upon the submission of the terms to the individual chapters of our fraternity, the opposition to that article which involved a change in the name of the fraternity was such as to result in the rejection of the articles of agreement. From the fact, however, that the only serious

objection to the articles of association was the proposed change in the fraternity's name, and that in all other respects the union was generally considered very desirable by both fraternities, the negotiations were continued by correspondence. The project accordingly came before the Detroit Convention, and Brother W. W. Cook, Δ , '80, was appointed a committee to represent our fraternity in these further negotiations, with full power and authority to effect the consolidation. Under these powers the committee proceeded to act. Upon notice from the W. W. Fraternity that a new committee had been appointed to conduct further negotiations, a representative of our fraternity, H. W. Plummer, Δ , '84, met that committee in Nashville, in September. The new articles were there drawn up, agreed to and signed. These articles are substantially as follows: The Rainbows agreed to accept the name, pin, constitution, laws and ritual of $\Delta T \Delta$, who in return agreed to designate the Southern Division the Rainbow Division of $\Delta T \Delta$, this division to include all our Southern chapters and the Rainbow chapters and to be presided over by a grand chapter, located at Vanderbilt University. $\Delta T \Delta$ further agreed to grant the Rainbows an alumni representation of one in the Executive Council, and, upon the union of the fraternities, to change the name of the journal from the CRESCENT to the RAINBOW.

The following facts and information concerning the Rainbow Fraternity will be of interest at the present time: It was organized at the University of Mississippi in 1848, twelve years before our own. The leading idea of the fraternity was to establish itself only in the educational institutions of the South, and throughout a long and varied career of thirty-five years, it has adhered to the policy of remaining a strictly Southern order. Within the last few years, however, its policy has undergone a change; it has recognized the tendency of all progressive fraternities to become more national in their organization, and a desire for northern, eastern and western connections has made itself felt, and has induced it to enter into the negotiations looking toward a union with our fraternity. When the terms of agreement were signed, the Rainbow Fraternity had five active under-graduate chapters, located at the Universities of Mississippi, Tennessee and Texas, at Vanderbilt University and at Emory and Henry Colleges and had at a total initiated membership of about one thousand. Of these chapters the charter at the University of Tennessee was withdrawn with the consent of the $\Delta T \Delta$ committee on account of the apparent non-pro-

gressive condition of the college. The members of the chapter at the University of Texas, manifesting dissatisfaction with the terms, the charter was allowed to lapse. However, steps are now being taken which will undoubtedly result in the reorganization of the chapter, if the best interests of the fraternity demand such action.

The University of Mississippi, at Oxford, was founded in 1848, as the State University, under the presidency of Prof. F. A. P. Barnard, now President of Columbia College. It enjoyed for many years a remarkable prosperity, ranking with the best universities of the North, until the civil war interrupted its work. After the war, it soon recovered its former prestige and prosperity, and again ranks among the first of the state universities. It has property valued at \$450,000 and a productive endowment fund of \$550,000; it receives annually, in addition, liberal appropriations from the State. During 1884-5, the under-graduates in the Academy, or Department of Literature, Science and Art, numbered two hundred and twenty-three; it has a faculty of eighteen professors and instructors. Oxford, the college town, has always been recognized as an intellectual center at the South, and the college community is one of the most desirable to be found. The Rainbow Chapter at this institution has an existence coeval with that of the university itself. It has always maintained its position as the most influential and prosperous chapter of the university, and the published statements of its rivals all testify to the high standing of this chapter, both in college and town. It is the parent chapter of the fraternity, and has an alumni roll which would be a credit and honor to any fraternity. It meets as competitors the fraternities of Delta Kappa Epsilon (1851); Delta Psi (1855); Sigma Chi (1857); Phi Kappa Psi (1857); Chi Psi (1858); Sigma Alpha Epsilon (1865); Phi Delta Theta (1877); Beta Theta Pi (1879) and Kappa Alpha (1883.)

Vanderbilt University, at Nashville, Tennessee, was opened in 1875, under the princely endowment of Cornelius Vanderbilt, of New York, who donated the sum of \$500,000 for its support, and subsequently increased it to \$1,000,000. The university has been made the recipient of other liberal endowments from members of the Vanderbilt family, —Wm. H. Vanderbilt contributing \$150,000 for the theological and \$100,000 for the engineering department. It is under the control of the M. E. Church, South, an influential denomination. The university has had a remarkably rapid and yet judicious growth; in many of its departments it is equal to the oldest institutions in the North. In

addition to the Academic Department, it has departments of Law, Theology, Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy. It is located in a campus of seventy-five acres, beautifully situated on an eminence overlooking the city. Its buildings, University Hall, Science Hall, Wesley Hall, the Observatory, the Gymnasium and the buildings of the Medical and Dental Colleges, as well as nine professors' residences, are elegant and substantial structures. In 1884-85 it employed in all departments a faculty of fifty-seven professors and instructors, and had enrolled over five hundred students. The Rainbow Chapter occupies a very high position in the city and university. It is noted for its social standing and scholarly attainments. Its competitors are Phi Delta Theta, Kappa Alpha, Beta Theta Pi, and Chi Phi.

Emory and Henry College, at Emory, Virginia, was founded in 1838, under the auspices of the M. E. Church, South. It is an institution which has done good service in the cause of education. Though somewhat crippled by the war, it has again recovered its former standing. In 1884-85 it had eleven professors and an enrollment of one hundred and fifty students. The Rainbow Chapter meets Kappa Sigma (1879) and *K A*.

In addition to the active chapters, the Rainbow Fraternity has a vigorous alumni organization in the city of Nashville. It is intimately connected with the chapter at the university, and gives the fraternity in that city a standing and prestige which comes only from the influence and co-operation of a loyal alumni. The policy and executive administration of the fraternity are largely guided by this association.

To its new brothers from the South Delta Tau Delta extends a cordial, hearty welcome. We hope that the fraternities, thus united, will soon be one homogenous whole—one in reality as in name; that the members and chapters of the one will speedily and heartily identify themselves with the interest of the other for mutual gain and advantage to the many interests now made common to us all. We trust that this action will prove another strong link which will serve to bind together the educated and college bred men of the South and North.

In the next number of this journal we will publish a concise history of the Rainbow Fraternity, histories of the chapters that are now incorporated into Delta Tau Delta, and also of the institutions in which these chapters are located. Several contributions on the history of *Δ T Δ* will be published, which, with the regular departments, will make the number one of special note and interest.

Chapter Letters.

Mu—Ohio Wesleyan.

On the evening of March 6 the Greeks of the Ohio Wesleyan University assembled for the Third Annual Pan-Hellenic Banquet. After a most enjoyable feast, W. C. Davis, $\Phi K \Psi$, as toastmaster of the occasion, presented the following toasts, all of which were ably responded to in the order given: "The College," A. L. Shellenbarger, $X \Phi$; "The Greek World," B. M. Allison, $\Phi K \Psi$; "Sorores Fratrum," C. S. Manley, $B \Theta \Pi$; "Six Goats: May they all Butt in Concert," J. A. Arnold, $\Delta T \Delta$; "In Memoriam," A. E. Breece, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$; and "Fraternal Ties," H. V. Stevens, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. Splendid music was furnished for the occasion by an octette chosen from the several fraternities. About eighty Greeks were present, and all readily acknowledge it to have been the most enjoyable banquet we have had. The strife and selfish antagonism which usually exists between fraternities at the beginning of the school year, had already given way to more friendly feelings; and so all gathered around the "festive board" as members of one fraternity. Bro. Cherryholmes, of Theta, now a student at the Ohio State University, was with us at the banquet, as were also a committee consisting of the alumni from the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, who have been in session here in Delaware forming a new constitution for $\Phi K \Psi$.

On the morning of March 8 the fraternities here were duly notified by the $B \Theta \Pi$'s, that B. S. Weeks, '87, had been expelled from the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity. No reasons for this unexpected action were stated in the notice given. Internal dissensions of a personal nature, however, are believed to have been the cause. On the following evening Mr. Weeks was initiated into the $X \Phi$ Fraternity. We are not prepared to say at present whether the expulsion was a just action or not, but we can say for Mr. Weeks that he is a man of rare ability as a

student, and we think the Chi Phis may be congratulated on their new man. Maj. H. A. Axline, '72, made Chapter Mu a pleasant call while in Delaware, February 12. The close of this winter term finds our chapter in a most prosperous condition. We initiated Bro. Philip Phillips, Jr., '89, at the beginning of the term, and now have sixteen active men. We were made unusually joyful at our last meeting by the reception of a large "box of good things," given us by our lady friends of Monnett Hall, and signed,—“from the loyal eight.” Such kindnesses are not soon forgotten.

Delta—Michigan University.

Things have been moving along rather quietly of late, yet there may be many who will be interested in some of the pleasant occasions which Delta has enjoyed since last writing. During February we had the pleasure of entertaining Bros. Ripley, '76, Carpenter, '75, Reed, '78, Pitts, '85, Callard, '84, and McDonald, '87, who is out of college for this year. They were here at different times, and most of them spent several days with us. It is indeed encouraging to have our alumni take the active interest they do in our welfare, and Delta is always glad to have her alumni make her a visit. On February 19 we entertained our lady friends during the afternoon, and it was a jolly dinner party that sat down about five o'clock. In the evening came off the Fraternity Junior Hop, given by the nine fraternities of the Literary Department. There were about one hundred couples present, among whom could be seen many visitors and members of the faculty; aside from these there were very few non-fraternity men present. Each frat. had its portion of the hall to decorate, and the result was a rich and handsome dance-hall. It was pronounced the greatest success of all the junior hops yet given.

On the evening of February 20 Bro. Will Carleton lectured at University Hall, and we had the pleasure of entertaining him at the chapter house, and also of hearing the best lecture of the season. His poem lecture was most novel and entertaining, and never lost its power to interest during the entire evening. Bro.

Guy L. Kiefer has been succeeded as Division Secretary by Bro. W. A. McDonald. This change is made at this time because Bro. Kiefer intends to graduate next year, instead of the year after with his class, and he felt that his work was too hard to permit of filling the office and of doing justice to its duties. *The Palladium* will be out in a short time, and we would be pleased to exchange for similar publications from other colleges. *The Oracle*, published by the Sophomore Class, has just made its appearance.

Iota—Michigan State.

Our college opens this spring with most flattering prospects. Students have so increased in number as to crowd both dormitories and oblige a few to seek accommodations elsewhere. Our Mechanical Hall is now completed, and a four-years mechanical course provided for. This department is attracting much attention and many students. The opening of the term (Feb. 24) found us with nine actives on hand, distributed among the four classes as follows: Seniors, one; Sophomores, three; Freshmen, five. our only junior, who was also our S. A.,—J. N. Estabrook,—not returning. At the close of last term, in November, he left for Germany, intending to spend the winter in study at Leipsic, but to return and continue the course at the opening of the present term. He now thinks of remaining in Europe through the summer. Another brother who does not return is H. W. B. Taylor, '88. He spent a large portion of the winter in travel in the South.

Beta Theta—University of the South.

Beta Theta's long vacation has at length drawn to a close, and we are returning to our work again; and so we send greeting to our sister chapters, with best wishes for success during the year. So far as we know we will lose only two men this spring, and then we hope to increase our list by some valuable additions. We have some good material to work upon, and are keeping our eyes open for all chances. The other fraternities here are in good condition, with the exception of Kappa Sigma, which is weak numerically, though she has good men. Alpha Tau Omega

and Sigma Alpha Epsilon are our strongest rivals. Of the men we lose, Bro. S. G. Smith is in Heckatoo, Ark., and Bro. G. R. Scruggs is at work in Dallas, Texas. They are both live and energetic men, and we are very sorry to lose them. Our men are all very anxious to get settled down again, and we hope to put in some good fraternity work this year, and to give evidence of life in every way we can. We feel equally with Beta Epsilon the need of Southern extension, and would be glad to see Delta Tau Delta in every first-class institution in the whole country.

Epsilon—Albion.

Since our last letter Epsilon's boys have enjoyed the long hoped for privilege of meeting with Delta's truly popular poet, Bro. Will Carleton. Under the auspices of the Ladies' Library Association of the college the "Golden Horse" was given to the largest and most enthusiastic audience of the course. A delightful hour of social conversation was passed with Bro. Carleton at the hotel, which will long be held in the memory of each frater. Epsilon is enthusiastic for the scheme presented for a fraternity cottage for Delta resorters at Bay View. If a stock company is formed nearly all of its active members will take shares, as will also a large number of its alumni. Surely the plan is a good one. Nothing will do more to increase the general acquaintance and awaken individual interest for sister chapters, as the uniting together, for a few months in the summer, in a fraternity house at this beautiful and popular resort. I take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity our new babe, Bro. H. C. Scripps, '88, of Detroit, a two hundred pounder. He brings to Epsilon the qualities of a sterling frater.

Theta—Bethany.

Since our last report we have welcomed a good man from the barbarians, Bro. C. L. Scott, '88. Our chapter is in first-class shape, and our men are holding the front rank, as they always have. Three of our boys are tutors this year,—Bro. Schmiedel in mathematics, Bro. Muckley in Latin, and Bro. Willett in Greek. Bros. Schmiedel and Willett were the representatives

of their respective societies at the celebration of Washington's birthday. On the evening of January 30 we had a Pan-Hellenic banquet, in which all the Frats in the college participated, including, besides our own chapter, the Ψ of $B \Theta \Pi$ and a representation of ΣX . A most enjoyable occasion it was. Singing and various other attractions kept the company in high spirits till a late hour. Several members of the faculty also met with us. Bro. W. J. McClure has been quite ill for several days with ophthalmic neuralgia, but is much better at present, and will be well as usual soon, it is hoped. Bro. G. W. Muckley took a flying visit home a few days since, as did also Bro. J. A. Rice, of Sparta, O. Bro. Rice brought back with him his sister, whom we welcome to Bethany society. Bro. S. M. Cooper has accepted the pulpit of the Church of Christ in Syracuse, N. Y., and will take charge of the congregation as soon as the session closes. Bros. Muckley and Willett will also enter the ministry. Bro. J. R. Wilson will continue his medical studies at one of the Eastern schools. Bro. McClure and Bro. Schmiedel will teach. Bro. Rosser will enter business with his father at Atlanta, Ga. Theta will have an unusually strong force left to take charge next year, not only in numbers, but in other very essential qualities. Bro. F. M. Dowling has, we learn, been assisting his father, Rev. Wm. Dowling, in a very profitable meeting at Marion, O. Frank has now returned to his own charge at Mt. Healthy, O., where he is greatly admired and loved by his congregation. Bro. W. S. Payne has removed from Missouri to Georgia, where he is filling the pulpit of the Savannah church. Bro. E. M. Smith is preaching in Missouri. Bro. Stewart Taylor, of Kansas City, Mo., a former Bethany boy, was back among us for a few days recently. A note from Bro. H. C. Wells, of Platte City, Mo., tells us that the Delta boys out there, in what seems to us the "Far West," have not forgotten their friends in the Pan Handle, and especially Delta Tau. Bros. G. K. and G. W. Smith are also in Platte City. We hope any Delta in our vicinity will stop and call on us. We shall always welcome all who wear the Purple and Gray.

Upsilon—Rensselaer.

A month ago we changed the location of our Chapter Hall to the *Times* Building, where several of our men room, and now have a suite of rooms which is much more pleasant and convenient for us, as we have the whole floor to ourselves. Bro. Martin has supplied us with a piano, which adds greatly to the enjoyment of our hall. Fraternity matters have been quiet here, as there have

been no men taken in for some time. The present graduating class is the largest Senior class the Institute has ever had, and most of the fraternities will lose quite a number of men. The First Division Conference has come and gone, but will be remembered by most of the members of our chapter as a most pleasant event. The chapter was represented by eight active members, and Bro. Zieley, '86, came down and went with us. He was looking very well. The reports were all encouraging, and the First Division is progressing finely. We received the first number of *The Choctaw Pow Wown*, and were very much pleased with its appearance. We sincerely hope that Alpha will be successful with her publication, as it is a most worthy enterprise. The Institute Annual, *The Transit*, will be out in about a month, and we will be very happy to exchange with any of the chapters that publish an annual. It promises to be a very good issue this year. We had the pleasure of seeing Bro. Quintana, '84, for a few days during the past month. He is at present at Little Falls, N. Y. Bro. Ranney, '85, who has been in town for some time past, will return to his home in Mohawk, N. Y., in a few days.

Beta Delta—Georgia.

Since our last letter the rude hand of death has plucked from our ranks Bro. J. W. Norris, '89, Florence, S. C. Bro. Norris received a fall a short time ago, injuring his spine. After lingering a few days, surrounded by loving parents and kind friends, death came and delivered him from his sufferings. In his death Beta Delta loses one of her most promising members, and Delta Tau Delta one of her strongest supporters. We take pleasure in introducing to the Delta world Bro. William M. Glass, '88, Senoia, Ga. We have now eleven active, energetic members. Bro. Gross, '85, Warrenton, Ga., paid us a short visit a few days ago. We enjoyed his visit very much, and are always glad to have any of our alumni with us. Bro. E. T. Whately acquitted himself admirably in his anniversary speech of the Demosthenian Society, and was very highly complimented by all those present. Bro. E. P. Upshaw has been elected one of the Champion Debaters for the Phi Kappa Literary Society. The several fraternities at this university have decided to publish an annual, the name of which will be *Pandora*. It promises to be a success. There are two editors from each fraternity on the staff. Bros. Band and Upshaw, W. S., represent Delta Tau Delta.

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HISTORY OF THE RAINBOW FRATERNITY.

ABOUT the year 1848 a rebellious class from the University of Lagrange, Lagrange, Tenn., entered the University of Mississippi. Among its members was Col. John B. Herring, and to him and six others are due the honor of being the founders of the Rainbow Fraternity. They adopted as the ensign of the Fraternity a badge modeled after the Roman sceptres. Their next step was the organization of a chapter at the college from which they had just departed. It was organized in 1858, and flourished as the best in the institution until its disbandment in 1861 (beginning of war). It is from this chapter that we have our oldest surviving record, bearing the date of March 11, 1858. The number of members at this chapter was fifteen.

Returning to the S. A. Chapter of Oxford, Mississippi. From 1849 to 1861 we have the record of only twenty-four members of that chapter, but there must have been more. When the civil war broke out the fraternity was completely broken up, and nearly all of the records destroyed. For four years after the war the fraternity did not have a meeting, for few of the little band of Rainbows came back from the fields of battle, and those who did were so scattered that it was difficult to reorganize. But brighter days were in store for it. In the year 1867 the fraternity was reorganized by David S. Switzer at Oxford. During this year there were nine men who struggled hard to put the Rainbow Frat on a fine footing, for, says W. H. Calhoun, "No club or fraternity suffered more by the war than the Rainbow, and these men being the right sort were successful. The next year six more members were initiated, and the prosperity of the

fraternity is supposed to date from that time. In 1871 a chapter was established at Furman College, Greenville, S. C. It continued for three years, and for some cause, at the end of that time, the parent chapter saw fit to withdraw its charter.

On May 15, 1872, a chapter was established at Erskine College, Due West, S. C. This chapter had a long and successful career, although, from its establishment, it was opposed by the Faculty of the institution. They had, altogether, fifty members. Their charter was withdrawn in 1880, but was reestablished again soon afterward. On November 21, 1873, a chapter was established at Stewart's College, Clarksville, Tenn. Its charter withdrawn the next year. In 1874 chapters were organized at Wofford College, South Carolina, and Neaphogen College, Grass Plains, Tenn., but the charters of both were withdrawn. In 1874 the badge of the frat was changed, and a general overhauling took place. The chapter at Oxford, from its beginning, has been the peer of any club in the University, and it boasts the membership of many of Mississippi's favorite sons. In 1877-78 this chapter had twenty-two men, who took nearly every honor in the school. In 1882 the I. P. Chapter at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., was organized, and has had a most successful career. In 1883-84 chapters were organized at University of Texas, Emory and Henry College, and the University of Tennessee. In 1883 the Vanderbilt Chapter became the executive chapter, and through it the union with Delta Tau Delta was effected.

"THE CRESCENT" AS A FACTOR IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FRATERNITY.

For seventeen years communication between the chapters of our Fraternity and the Greek world in general was carried on by correspondence. Each year demonstrated with increasing perspicuity the absolute need of other means of intercommunication and exchange of thought and idea. And it was this great want of some exponent, by which the chapters and their mem-

bers could be brought into closer relationship and feeling, which gave birth to **THE CRESCENT**. The convention of 1877, which met at Bethlehem, Pa., realizing this growing necessity, decided to have published a paper in the interests of the fraternity and its adherents, and chose Bro. W. C. Buchanan (Theta, '73) as its editor, and formulated a plan of publication. Pursuant to this action, the first number appeared September 15, 1877, under editor-in-chiefship of Bro. Buchanan, assisted by Bro. J. P. L. Weems. A studied examination and perusal of that initial issue cannot fail to convince one that it had been well founded, and that from the first its success was assured. From that day **THE CRESCENT** grew and prospered as a bay tree, and few if any fraternity publications can look back over a more evenly successful career, either from a literary or financial point of view.

The chapters of our fraternity, scattered throughout the States, were, prior to 1877, scarcely acquainted. Communication was unsystematic, irregular, infrequent, unsatisfactory. A consequent indifference pervaded the entire order. There was but little progression in the chapters; fraternity life was one of stagnation; there was no exchange of ideas, no expositions of new ones. Delegates, on their return from conventions, gave glowing accounts of the meetings, and for a time there was some stir in the chapter, but the old feeling of apathy soon returned. The birth of **THE CRESCENT** was like the breaking of a new light in the east. The grand principles and teachings of Delta Tau Delta were brought forth to the eyes of all; the chapters were at once drawn closer together, and a new spirit entered their meetings. Alumni read with renewed pleasure the news of almost forgotten classmates and their successes; the events transpiring in their old fraternity houses; the triumph of Delta Tau in the East, West and South.

The high position which Delta Tau has taken among her rivals, and the respect with which she is held by them, has been almost entirely promoted by the character of the journal, which is the real exponent of our order. Our policy has from time to been stated in its columns, in such clear, unmistakable terms as to win the applause of every fair-minded observer; and a close

reader will testify to the fair, generous manner in which all matters of interest have been treated.

Since the publication of our organ, the progress and development of the order has been marvelous. In 1877 there were twenty-five chapters on our roll, and many of these in institutions of the lowest grade. During the succeeding eight years sixteen chapters, all in first-grade colleges, have been added, and nine charters taken from chapters in inferior colleges, leaving us at present thirty-two. The history of our fraternity will show that during no similar period was such a remarkable development made; and, too, it must be remembered that by this time the best colleges of the country had already been entered by many fraternities, and that each succeeding year made it a more difficult matter to secure a desirable set of men in desirable colleges. Such is our record during the existence of *THE CRESCENT*, which directly and indirectly was the agent in this work.

Only since our *CRESCENT* conception have our conventions been attended with any degree of success. Prior to the Put-in-Bay convention of 1877, the business transacted at these meetings was comparatively unimportant and devoid of any new or progressive features. The wonderful success of the ever-to-be-remembered Pittsburg and Cleveland conventions was, we do not hesitate to say, due to the stirring articles in *THE CRESCENT* under their able leadership, combined, of course, with the assistance of the committee in charge.

Our most recent mark of energy and advancement—the establishment of an executive council for the government of the order came indirectly from the discussions and needs of the order set forth in our journal from time to time, and the accounts of the government of other rival successful brotherhoods. The inauguration of division conferences, State meetings, the establishment of alumni chapters at New York, Cleveland, Chicago and Grand Rapids have all occurred with the era of *THE CRESCENT*, and in which she has figured as a valued and needed assistant.

In fact, she has gone hand in hand with every development in our order, and in some instances has been a ruling factor in

carrying on our schemes and plans for progress. Unconsciously she moulds and shapes our thought and leads us to a contemplation of all that is good and just in Delta Tau Delta. It is only when we stop to look back that we realize what an influence she has had upon our thoughts, the forming and guiding of what is greatest and best for the future of our one common cause—Deltaism.

E. P. CULLUM.

OUR DELTA QUEEN.*

(Respectfully dedicated to the Alpha, by J. Harry Geissinger.)

TUNE, AMERICA.

Raise we in chorus now
Praise to thee, Delta Tau,
Reigning supreme !
Long last thy sovereign might,
Thy crescent e'er be bright,
Still pour thy stars by night,
Love's radiant stream.

Tower thy noble form,
Power be thine in storm,
Queen we adore !
Thy banner's purple-gray,
Lead us from day to day,
Safe on our peaceful way,
Safe in each war.

Loudly our voices ring,
Proudly thy subjects sing,
Our Delta Queen !
God keep when foemen frown,
Jealous of thy renown,
Spare to the end thy crown,
God save thee, Queen !

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THE CRESCENT AND STAR.

(Δ T Δ Gathering Song.)

To Learning and Labor, to Love and to Law,
We bravely devote every breath that we draw—
And we cling to our colors, in peace or in war,
And march in the light of the Crescent and Star.

CHORUS.

We are comrades, forever,
Whom naught can dis sever,
In councils of peace, or confusion of war ;
As brother to brother.
We stand by each other,
And shout, all as one, for the Crescent and Star.

We are knights of the plow, and the pen, and the plume,
We sow—and the wilderness breaks into bloom ;
We sing—and our songs flutter forth and afar—
As we fight for the right, 'neath the Crescent and Star.

CHORUS.

Ah, Delta Tau Delta ! Ah, comrades of mine !
From the plains of the palm to the hills of the pine,
Be loyal ! be firm ! and may naught ever jar
The Brotherhood born of the Crescent and Star.

CHORUS.

But see ! on the field of our banner appears
A Rainbow of Promise that spans all the years—
That blazes and bends like a broad scimeter,
In the bright streaming light of the Crescent and Star.

CHORUS.

Then health to the country that each of us loves,
Its strength be the eagle's, its peace be the dove's—
And sad be the hour that shall sever or mar
This union of hearts 'neath the Crescent and Star.

CHORUS.

JAMES NEWTON MATTHEWS.

COLLEGE TRADITIONS AND THE COLLEGE FRATERNITY.

George William Curtis, in Harper's.

ONE hundred and thirty-two years ago Columbia College, in New York, then called King's College, opened its doors for students. It was the year in which Dr. Franklin proposed his plan of colonial union in the Albany Congress, and in the same year the French built Fort Duquesne, and before the Freshmen at King's had ripened into Seniors, Braddock was defeated and Washington had made his famous march to the fort. The modest little town of New York in which the new college was planted contained about ten thousand inhabitants, and King's College was the sixth in order of foundation, following Harvard, William and Mary, Yale, Princeton, and the University of Pennsylvania. The young college was not a very prolific *alma mater* in the earlier years. During the twenty years from its organization until the Revolution it graduated but about one hundred students. But it was an illustrious progeny. Among those pupils were Alexander Hamilton and John Jay, and Robert Livingston and Gouverneur Morris, and Egbert Benson and Philip Van Cortlandt, and Henry Rutgers, and sons of all the conspicuous New York families.

Now *noblesse oblige*. Is it surprising that the descendant of a noble house is proud of his ancestry, that the youth of to-day who can trace his lineage straight back to historic heroes and patriots and poets and philosophers and statesmen feels himself to be not only the heir of their renown, but born to the duty of maintaining its lustre untarnished, if nothing more? So feels the worthy alumnus of a college. There is a blue blood of academic association as of family descent, and as the son of a long line of famous or noble sires feels the admonishing consciousness of a great responsibility for others as well as for himself, so the college graduate owns the duty of his great association, and would live worthily of the select society to which he belongs.

If the little New York of 1754 and the little King's College could look in upon the vast and stately and prosperous city that we know, would they be surprised to see, evening after evening in the winter, the successive triumphal feasts of the various colleges, Jura answering to the joyous Alps that call to her aloud? Not at all. Those reverend half-dozen first graduates of King's, recalling their college feeling, would gaze benignantly upon the scene, glowing with the eloquent speech, joining in the pealing chorus of the song, serenely conscious that nothing could be more natural and inevitable than the demonstrative and festive pride of college boys in their college.

Those elders, indeed, with all their sympathy, could not understand it completely. They would see through a glass somewhat darkly, but they would see. For those brave Freshmen of 1754 and graduates of 1758 had no college tradition. They founded the house, indeed, but the pictures that hang in fancy upon its later walls, the voices that fill with the airy music of imagination its later and statelier halls, the glorious romance of association,—all this was wanting to those young academic ancestors. For them there was no backward vista of tender radiance, no constellated memories beyond their own experience.

When the Society of the Cincinnati was formed, a club designed to cherish Revolutionary associations and traditions, the sensitive scent of patriotism was sure that it detected the fatal aroma of aristocracy, and raised an alarm. Hereditary honors, class privileges, endangered popular rights,—these were the chimeras dire that hovered over the Verplanck cottage upon the Hudson where the meeting for organization was held. But what a modest and harmless conspiracy it has proved to be! The society was always small. Its worst fulminations were appeals to patriotism. Its most flagrant offence has been an annual dinner. What a tempest in a teapot was this hostile excitement against that simple good-fellowship of Revolutionary officers! Meanwhile the vast and powerful organization of the Grand Army of the Republic, which followed the later war, and which is an immense political force whose countenance both great parties sedulously solicit, and to propitiate whose favor

national laws are passed and State laws modified, is to the Cincinnati as the King of Brobdingnag to the Prince of Lilliput, but it arouses no suspicion of peril to the commonwealth.

The college fraternity is a Cincinnati of educated men, and it is often regarded with the same kind of feeling which assailed the old association of Revolutionary comrades. Like that, it has a great tradition. Like that, it is full of proud and tender memories. Like that, it feels the tie of union to be an inspiration, a wise restraint, a consolation. Like that, it meets to refresh its recollections, and by that meeting to enrich and ennoble life. The singing roisterers in the smoky hall, whose bright banter and gay chaff are the charm of the college dinners, carry from the table the blessing that they do not always ask. They renew their consciousness of the higher ideals that brood over the mercenary strife, the contest of money-making, and mean motives and low ambitions. Yes, the tradition of college is good-fellowship, but good-fellowship in an intellectual air and amid scholarly associations. To cherish it is to remember not only that you are a member of that fraternity, that you wear its blue or red ribbon, its collar or cross, its star or garter, but that it lays an obligation upon you, an obligation of honor not to be shaken off.

The college clubs which have sprung up so suddenly and naturally in this city—which is metropolitan at least in the sense of collecting citizens from the whole country—and the pleasant dinners with which they celebrate themselves, continue the good work of the college, not by extending a knowledge of Greek and mathematics, in which every college man is *ex officio* already proficient, but by strengthening loyalty to manly aims and stimulating generous sympathies.

Even the sensitive patriots who call Heaven to witness that college education is no better than it should be, that college alumni are to be suspected like the Cincinnati, and that reform in the civil service is only a deep and dark conspiracy to fill all the offices with college men, and, more appalling still, to keep them there!—even these patriots, whom other patriots in the press encourage, and, as it were, “’St boy!” to the onset upon

that awful plot, may be comforted. Thank Heaven, our liberties are still safe despite those artful Cincinnati, and the civil service is still free from all but a very small proportion of college men. The official statistics assure the patriots who dread education that they may sleep on in complete confidence that the college will not be permitted totally to overthrow our happy Constitution. No, tyrants and colleges, avaunt! Americans never, never will be slaves!

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY AND THE LAMBDA CHAPTER OF DELTA TAU DELTA.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, among the foremost institutions of learning in the country, crowns one of the many hills that girdle the fair and stately city of Nashville. Looking down from its turreted halls one gazes upon a scene where every prospect pleases: the far stretching hills where was fought one of the deadliest, bloodiest and most decisive battles of the war; the Cumberland, winding away like a thread of gleaming silver; Capitol Hill, bearing on its lofty crest the noble State House; the chaste and decorous National building and numerous pretty and striking private residences already pushing their way up to the gates of the University. These, with many other scenes of beauty, readily convince the spectator that the projectors of the University exercised most excellent judgment and the rarest discretion in the selection of a site for their college.

The University owes its origin to the munificence of Cornelius Vanderbilt, who, on the 27th day of March, 1873, made a donation of \$500,000, which amount was totally consumed in the purchase of grounds, the erecting of buildings, the procurement of cabinets, furniture and general equipments. Soon after Mr. Vanderbilt made a further donation of \$600,000, as a permanent endowment fund. To this amount different contributions, by Wm. H. Vanderbilt and others, have been made, until at present the University has an assured annual income of over \$50,000. The campus comprises seventy-four acres, well inclosed and handsomely improved. It has always been the policy of the authori-

ties to decorate and ornament the grounds in a manner befitting the natural beauty of the surroundings. To this end, over one hundred varieties of shade trees have been planted, which have already made the campus a resort of rare charm and beauty. The University buildings, situated on the campus, are the University Hall, a large and substantial four-story brick structure, devoted to general university purposes; Science Hall, Wesley Hall, the Theological Department, the Observatory, the Gymnasium, and residences, ten in number, of the Bishop, the Chancellor and several of the Faculty. The buildings of the Medical and Dental Departments are located in the city. Wesley and Science Halls, and the Gymnasium, all fine and attractive brick edifices, were added to the University by a special donation of \$150,000 made in 1879 by Wm. H. Vanderbilt, whose late bequest of \$200,000 will probably be used in the construction of a library building and the founding of a permanent library fund.

The departments of the University are six in number, as follows: the Academic, the Biblical, the Law, the Medical, the Dental, and the Department of Pharmacy. Each of these has its faculty of instruction, charged with its special management. From the beginning Vanderbilt has met with wonderful success. The attendance has steadily increased from year to year, until at present it reaches nearly six hundred. Much of the prosperity of the institution is undoubtedly due to the faculty, which comprises in all the departments over fifty professors, instructors and assistants. Many of them are men of the greatest ability and widest culture, and thoroughly alive to the interests of the University. A large number of the faculty have made independent researches in the fields of science and literature, which have brought name and fame to themselves and honor to their college. The prospects of the University are of the brightest. With a permanent endowment of a million, well equipped buildings, a large and enthusiastic faculty, a growing body of loyal and devoted alumni, and a constantly increasing undergraduate corps, Vanderbilt can with safety be placed in the front rank of the colleges, not alone of the South but of the entire Nation.

Lambda Chapter of $\Delta T \Delta$, lately the S. A. Chapter of Rainbow, was founded in 1882 by Walter Cain, a graduate of the Oxford, Miss., Chapter. The charter members were seven in number. Owing to the feeling of hostility to fraternities at that time existing in the faculty, the early existence of the chapter was necessarily *sub-rosa*. At length, in the fullness of time, it seemed well to them to openly wear their colors and precipitate the fight with the faculty. In the contest which ensued they were quickly joined by $B \Theta \Pi$ and $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, who had previously entered the University. The fraternity question was carried before the authorities, ably, candidly and honestly discussed, and the result was a triumphant victory for the fraternities. The obnoxious laws were repealed, the fraternities recognized, and generously welcomed to the best the institution afforded. The progress of the chapter has been uniformly successful and prosperous. It has flourished from its foundation, and has always been regarded as one of the very best in Vanderbilt. Of the University honors, many have been obtained by the chapter, and not a year of its existence has passed unmarked by victories of its members. The Lambda has been exceedingly conservative in the choice of members, soliciting only those of the highest social standing, moral worth and intellectual capacity. In consequence the chapter *personnel* has been strong and powerful, and has always commanded the respect of its rivals. In Lambda, $\Delta T \Delta$ may heartily congratulate herself that she has acquired, as Grand Chapter of the Grand Division of the South, a body of men who will loyally and devotedly foster her interests and ably direct her growth in the "Sunny South-land."

RYMERTON.

THE NEW YORK ALUMNI.

A QUARTERLY meeting and social reunion of the New York Alumni Association of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity was held on Saturday, March 27, at 6 o'clock P.M. at Morella's, Nos. 4 and 6 West Twenty-ninth street, New York. In the estimation of all who participated, it proved to be a most enjoyable occasion. Among those present were Rev. L. A. Crandall, K, '73, Pastor of the East Twenty-third Street Baptist Church, President of the Association; Will Carleton, K, '69, well known throughout the fraternity; Andrew Bryson, K, '67, Principal Assistant Engineer of the Kings County Elevated Railroad, Brooklyn; A. H. Roudebush, A, '70; A. P. Trautwein, P, '76; F. E. Idell, P, '77; A. G. Brinckerhoff, P, '77; L. H. Nash, P, '77; L. J. Brück, P, '78; W. W. Cook, A, '80; and John A. Bensell, P, '84, and W. L. Lyall, P, '84, by invitation.

At a brief business session preceding the dinner, the by-laws of the Association were amended so as to provide for non-resident members, to a number not exceeding twelve at any time; these to have all the rights and privileges of resident members, except to vote on candidates for membership, and shall be confined to those residing beyond a radius of ten miles from New York City; the purpose is to identify with the Association especially those members of the fraternity who belong to chapters now no longer in active existence, as well as those who are unable, owing to distance, to participate in the active affairs of their own chapter. This step was determined upon, after a number of such members of the fraternity had signified their desire to unite with the Association, and it is believed that the full complement in this class of membership will be secured before the close of the year.

The following officers were elected for the current year: President, Rev. L. A. Crandall, K, '73; Vice-President, Prof. John L. N. Hunt, Θ, '62; Secretary and Treasurer, A. P. Trautwein, P, '76; Executive Committee, W. W. Van Voorhis, K, '67; A. H. Roudebush, A, '70; and L. J. Brück, P, '78.

Committee on Membership: W. W. Cook, *A*, '80; Prof. J. E. Denton, *P*, '75; and Dr. R. S. Gage, *M*, '70.

At the dinner informal toasts were responded to as follows: "Delta Tau Delta in Literature," Will Carleton; "Delta Tau Delta in the Ministry," Rev. L. A. Crandall; "Our Alumni," W. W. Cook; "Our Fraternity," A. P. Trautwein; "Our Reunions," A. H. Roudebush; and "The Ladies," L. J. Brück. W. W. Cook, upon general request, gave a statement of the union with the Rainbow Fraternity, which was listened to by all present with great interest.

The Association met again, for a social reunion, on Saturday, April 17, at 6 o'clock, at the Metropolitan Hotel, New York City. In addition to a number of those who were in attendance at the meeting immediately preceding this, there were present upon this occasion the following: W. W. Van Voorhis, *K*¹, '67; William Kent, *P*, '76; W. I. Cooper, *P*, '77; H. S. Pope, *P*, '81; and M. J. Martinez, *P*, '82.

The Association decided to extend its courtesies to any duly accredited member of the other Alumni Associations of the fraternity, who may have occasion to visit New York City at the time of any of its reunions. It is requested that inasmuch as these will occur frequently in the future, all such members of the fraternity will promptly communicate the fact of his presence in the city to the Secretary of the Association. This invitation is extended in general to all members of the former Rainbow Fraternity who may reside in or visit New York City.

It was further resolved to endeavor to maintain close association with the other alumni chapters of the fraternity, and to assist if possible in the organization of new chapters of this class. It was decided to have in future informal discussions upon matters of current interest in economic and political science, educational topics, and similar subjects which it is thought will prove attractive to all who may be present at the meetings.

The next meeting, the last of the present season, will be on Saturday, June 12, at a place to be announced in due time. This, it is believed, will exceed in point of attendance any that have been previously held. A number of applications for mem-

bership will then be acted upon, and there is every reason to believe that the active membership at the beginning of next season, in September, will be nearly thirty. It will thus be seen that the Association has started out under rather favorable auspices and bids fair to become a permanent feature in the organization of the fraternity.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI AND THE PI OF DELTA TAU DELTA.

THE University of Mississippi, situated at Oxford, in Lafayette County, was chartered in 1844 by the Legislature, under an able Board of Trustees. Shortly after the incorporation the Board proceeded to organize themselves into a regular body, and entered upon a discharge of their important duties. The corner stone of the Lyceum, the principal building of the University, was laid with Masonic ceremonies, and an address was delivered by Hon. John J. McCaughan. In July, 1848, the first faculty was elected. At the election there was a lively discussion as to whether clergymen ought to be allowed to submit themselves as candidates for the chairs of the different departments, and whether the "Evidences of Christianity" should be taught or excluded from the college curriculum. The excuse for the omission of said subject was that the tenets of some particular church would be inculcated into the minds of the young men.

George Frederick Holmes, LL.D., was elected first President of the institution; the duties as instructor in metaphysics, ethics and political economy also devolving upon him. He was an Englishman by birth, and late of William and Mary College, Va.

The University of Mississippi opened formally on the 6th of November, 1848. Hon. Jacob Thompson, then a Member of Congress for Mississippi, made a stirring and brilliant address, which was followed by an elaborate and chaste oration by President Holmes, to a highly intelligent and elegant assembly. At first both the faculty and students were subject to difficulties; the former on account of the latter's disorderly and turbulent con-

duct, for, though many of the young men were of the "first families" in the State, the student body was idle, uncultivated and ungovernable, their vivid and incorrect imagination having allured them with the traditional belief that college life was but a series of gay and frolicsome scenes, from which they could emerge as great "steerers of the State" after a few sessions.

In 1859 the title of "Chancellor" was substituted for that of President. Great, distinguished scholars have, during its existence, adorned the "cathedral" of the University, in their different departments; among others may be noted Drs. Millington, Bledsoe, Barnard, Waddle, Garland, Hillyard, Longstreet, Burney; Hons. Lamar, Campbell, and others. The property of the University is very considerable. Situated upon its grounds (campus) are fourteen large brick edifices and one frame building. Eight of these are used for professors' residences, and three dormitories for students; Lyceum, containing lecture-rooms, library, cabinet, laboratory and offices; Observatory, for astronomical and mechanical purposes, and containing costly apparatus for these. Of the University buildings we further have: the Chapel, spacious and fine, with two literary societies' halls,—Phi Sigma and Hermaen,—in the third story; the Magnetic Observatory; the University work-shop, etc. During the session of 1884-5, the University registered two hundred and thirty-seven students. The University magazine is published by the two literary societies. The faculty consists of eighteen professors, instructors and teachers.

The history of the Pi Chapter of $\Delta T \Delta$, until recently the S. A. Chapter of the Rainbow Fraternity, is essentially the history of that society. Previous to the war the chapter boasted of an unexampled prosperity, and, being for several years the only society in the college, selected only the best men. It is not wonderful, then, that the records of the University bear testimony to the fact that an unusually large share of the University honors were bestowed on the Rainbows. The civil war, which fell heavily upon the University, disrupted the fraternity, destroyed its records, and scattered its sons,—many of whom

joined the Confederate armies, some of them now sleeping quietly in unknown graves, where

“Glory guards with solemn round
The bivouac of the dead.”

For eight long years the chapter had no active existence, until the reorganization was effected in 1867 by David S. Switzer. During this year the chapter numbered nine men, who struggled faithfully and well to place it upon a permanent basis and secure for it prosperity and success. In the following year six strong men were initiated, and the organizers commenced to see the realization of their hopes and to reap the rewards of their labors. For several years nothing of peculiar interest occurred, the chapter continuing to move onward step by step with the rival societies, until, in 1877-8, a large number of the ablest men in University were initiated. As a result, nearly all the honors in that year were captured,—a victory unequalled in the history of the University. The yellow fever, in the summer of '78, carried off several of the active members, and left the chapter in a somewhat weakened condition. The lost ground was, however, recovered by the stern efforts of the remaining members, and the old reputation was retained, and new garlands added to those already won. The later years have peacefully passed away, marked by no startling events. The chapter has prospered. She has retained her prominent position in the affairs of the University; the undergraduate membership has averaged from fourteen to eighteen, and has from year to year crowned the fraternity with new evidences of strength and ability; the alumni have retained much of their interest, and many of them have already attained eminence in the public affairs of the State. As the Rainbows of Mississippi have ever jealously guarded the rich traditions of their glorious past, so with strong and willing hands will they grasp the imperial standard of “our good old Delta Tau,” and carry it forward, with love and fidelity, to fresh fields of honor, renown and distinction.

The Greek World.

A CHI PHI, writing to *The Quarterly*, from Cornell, says that "Alpha Delta Phi, Zeta Psi and Psi Upsilon have chapter-houses of their own, and, with the Kappa Alpha, have the choice of men. They have a membership of about twenty each, excepting Zeta Psi, which averages fifteen. This fraternity is the most select and richest in the college, having a handsome house and no debt. The Kappa Alpha, however, are perhaps even in a better financial condition, having several members of the faculty. It will probably build a house this spring. The Theta Delta Chi have a very nice and energetic set of men. The Delta Kappa Epsilon for years stood far in advance, but, owing chiefly to the want of a chapter-house, have fallen and dwindled away to nine men. It is undoubtedly a fact that possessing a chapter-house enables a fraternity to have the choice of men. Phi Kappa Psi has but eight or nine men, and exists more in a name than anything of influence. Still worse is Beta Theta Pi,—few men and not very select. One of them has distinguished himself as an ardent and noisy member of the Salvation Army. The members of Delta Upsilon are mixed in appearance and disposition, but are in common among the 'digs.' As a result of their hard work they do much in the way of college honors. Chi Psi just started again last spring, and is not making much headway. The field seems to be too well occupied already for the new-comer. Unless it could start with a chapter-house and a good fund at its back, its chances for life are small."

THE new lodge of the Lambda Chapter of the Delta Psi Fraternity at Williams was opened on March 15, 1886, with appropriate ceremonies. The corner-stone was laid last May, and the building is now complete. It is of blue freestone, unique in its design, the architecture being a happy combination of the early English and Norman styles. The site is, perhaps, the finest in Williamstown. Representatives were present from all of the chapters of the fraternity at Yale, Trinity, Columbia, the Uni-

versities of Rochester, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Washington and Lee. Among many others there were present Bishop Doane, of Albany; Gen. Steward L. Woodford, of New York; Revs. J. D. Fulton and D. A. Schauffler, of New York; President Simmons, of the New York Stock Exchange; Cyrus W. Field, Jr. A special train brought 150 members from New York and vicinity. A banquet was served at midnight in the new banquet hall.

$\Sigma \Phi$ has withdrawn its charter from Union College on account of the decline of the college.—*A T \Omega Palm*. This is the parent chapter of $\Sigma \Phi$, and is the second oldest chapter in the Greek world, being founded in 1827, the oldest being the Union chapter of Northern *K A*, which was founded in 1825.

THE other fraternities represented by chapters at the institute are ΣX and $\Theta \Xi$. ΣX has been here four years and has fifteen men, five of who have come here from chapters at other colleges. $\Theta \Xi$ was established a month before our chapter, and has eleven men. The best of feeling prevails among the fraternities here, as is shown by the fraternity hops,—a series of afternoon Gymnasium dances given by the three fraternities.—[Massachusetts Institute of Technology correspondent to the *A T \Omega Palm*.

THE anti-fraternity laws at the University of West Virginia have been repealed, and *K A* has reestablished her chapter there. $\Delta T \Delta$ had a chapter there in the early days of the war, which numbered among its membership John H. Miller, Vice-President and Manager of the Merchant's Telegraph Construction Company of New York City; the Hon. Joseph Moreland, a prominent lawyer in Morgantown and a Regent of the University; and the Hon. George C. Sturgiss, also a prominent lawyer in Morgantown, and and recently the Republican nominee for Governor of the State. $\Delta T \Delta$ recently received a petition to reestablish the chapter, but did not think it wise to do so.

THE Senate of the United Chapters of the Phi Beta Kappa met in Boston on March 6, at the rooms of the Fellows of Harvard College. Several applications for charters were received and appropriately referred. Arrangements were made for the trien-

nial meeting of the National Council at Saratoga on September 1, 1886. Among those present were Edward Everett Hale, Thomas Wentworth Higginson, O. B. Frothingham, President Francis A. Walker, Judge Oliver Wendell Holmes, Justin Winsor, Professors F. R. Nash, of Hobart, and Adolph Werner, of New York College.

A. A. KINCANNON and Dabney Lipscomb, professors in the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Mississippi, are both $\Delta T \Delta$'s; Prof. J. L. Johnson, and A. J. Quinche, of the University of Mississippi, are ΣX 's; M. H. Mabry, Lieutenant Governor of Florida, is a $\Delta T \Delta$; Prof. Edward Mayes, of the University of Mississippi, is a ΔKE ; A. S. Mehary, J. C. Longstreet and J. W. Cutter, members of the last Legislature of Mississippi, are $\Delta T \Delta$'s.

A NEW fraternity has come to us this year, $\Phi A X$. Its chapter is rather a strong one numerically, but it is as yet but little known in our Greek world. The "Mystic Seven" has changed its name to $\Phi \Theta A$, and its badge from a monogram of the letters ME to a star, with the three letters given above, in the centre. There is a rumor that ΣN is to start a chapter here, but nothing material has come of it.—*U. of V. cor. $\Phi K \Phi$ Shield.*

THE Sigma Phi Fraternity celebrated its fifty-ninth anniversary with the Alpha at Union on March 4, 1886. The active chapters at Hobart, Williams, Union, Hamilton, and the Universities of Vermont and Michigan were represented. Among those present were Hon. Charles E. Fitch, editor of the *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*, Gen. Rufus King, of Albany, and about forty others.

THE new song book of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ will appear during the month of May. There will be about ninety songs in all, about forty of which are new. There will be ten or twelve pages of original music, and the other pieces will have references to "Carmina Collegensia," "American College Song Book," "Student's Songs," and other like collections where music is found.

AT her St. Louis Convention, in 1885, $B \Theta II$ granted a charter to petitioners at the University of Texas. This chapter

does not appear among the others in the $B \Theta \Pi$ "Hand-Book for 1886." It is said that the chapter started with only four men and has never obtained any more, but has lost some of the original four.

THE movement for a Zeta Psi Club in New York City was advanced on March 16, at a meeting of the resident members, when a committee appointed to inquire into the feasibility of the project reported in its favor. To ensure the success of a club-house one hundred members will be required.

The Shield says "that the fraternities at the University of Nebraska ($\Phi \Delta \Theta$ and ΣX) are desirous that $K \Lambda \Theta$ should establish a chapter in that institution." A $\Phi K \Psi$ recently entered the University with the desire to found a chapter, but, finding the field occupied, joined $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.

INDIANAPOLIS seems to be a popular city for constitutional conventions. $B \Theta \Pi$ adopted her present constitution there in 1878; the present constitution and laws of $\Delta T \Delta$ were adopted there in 1883; and in 1886 $\Phi K \Psi$ adopted her new form of government in the same city.

THE resident members of Theta Delta Chi held their fourth annual reunion and dinner at the Murray Hill Hotel, New York, on March 12. President Capen, of Tufts, presided. About eighty members were present.

THE chapters of $\Lambda T \Omega$ at Washington and Lee and Stevens await the action of the High Council of that fraternity at its next meeting. The former has no members, and the latter has but one, and he is a senior.

THE Lambda Chapter of Delta Phi at Rensselaer gave a brilliant ball on February 24, 1886, in part payment of society obligations due the people of Troy by that fraternity.

THE New York and Pennsylvania Chapters of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ will hold a conference June 3 and 4, at Gettysburg, Pa.

THE Indiana State Convention of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ met with the Lambda Chapter of De Pauw University, April 9, 1886.

The colors of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ and $\Delta \Phi$ are white and blue. The colors of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, $\Sigma A E$ and $\Sigma \Phi$ are royal purple.

THE Epsilon Province Convention of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ met in Indianapolis, April 8, 1886.

$K A$, at Cornell, will soon commence the building of a chapter-house.

THE next Convention of $X \Phi$ meets at Louisville, in November, 1886.

THE $A \Delta \Phi$ *Star and Crescent* has suspended publication.

ΣN has entered the Missouri State University.

$\Sigma A E$ has established a chapter at Wolford.

$\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ has entered Adelbert with six men.

WHEN MY SHIP WENT DOWN.

I.

Sank a palace in the sea,
When my ship went down ;
Friends whose hearts were gold to me—
Gifts that ne'er again can be—
'Neath the waters brown.
There you lie, O Ship, to-day,
In the sand-bar stiff and gray !
You who proudly sailed away
From the splendid town.

II.

Now the ocean's bitter cup
Meets your trembling lip ;
Now your gilded halls look up
From Disaster's grip.
Ruin's nets around you weave ;
But I have no time to grieve ;
I will promptly, I believe,
Build another ship.

WILL CARLETON.

Editorial.

*The XXVIIth Annual Convention will be held at
Louisville, Aug. 25, 26 and 27, 1886.*

THE NEW YORK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

WE have received a copy of the by-laws of the New York Alumni Association of our Fraternity, which affords us a good insight into the workings of that organization,—an account of whose two recent meetings will be found elsewhere in this issue of *THE RAINBOW*. The entire scheme for its organization seems to have been carefully worked out, with a keen appreciation of the conditions under which alumni chapters have been known to thrive, and of the dangers which threaten their existence. We therefore take pleasure in briefly stating the methods of this Association, as shown by its rules. We do so the more cheerfully because the subject of alumni organization, which is at present receiving considerable attention from the more progressive of the fraternities, finds Delta Tau Delta thoroughly alive to the issue. We trust that the time will not be far distant when the alumni chapters now on our roll will be supplemented by others in those of the larger cities which afford the necessary material.

The officers of the New York Alumni Association are few in number, consisting of a President, a Vice-President and a Secretary and Treasurer,—the offices of Recording and Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer being combined in one person; they are elected for one year, and perform the duties usually devolving upon such officers. There is an Executive Committee of three, which arranges for meetings, banquets and social reunions; arranges the toast list, assigns the papers to be read, and arranges for the topical discussions. A Committee on Membership take action upon all applications for membership, and examines the candidate's fraternity and professional or mercantile record. Provision is made for two classes of members,—resident members, who reside and do business within a radius of ten miles

of the post office of the City of New York; the latter class is limited to the number of twelve, presumably to secure compliance with the laws of the fraternity framed for the government of alumni chapters, which place the responsibility for the charter with resident members. Non-resident members, however, seem to have all privileges and rights of resident members, except that they have no voice in the election of members. The method of election is by letter ballot, and all candidates are required to be present in person at the meeting immediately preceding their election. Active membership in both classes is for the present confined to graduates of two years' standing and to non-graduates who have been four years out of college. This seemingly arbitrary ruling is, we understand, made for the purpose of allowing the policy of the Association, its membership, and the manner of conducting its elections, to be determined by the older graduates, and to prevent the Association from degenerating, as so many others have done, into essentially undergraduate reunions, of temporary existence and without fixed objects in view. We learn, however, that it is by no means intended to debar the younger graduates and non-graduates from participating in the social reunions of the Association, or from being present at the business meetings. The whole plan seems to have been wisely planned, and experience will doubtless confirm the theory on which the New York Alumni Association seems to be working.

We shall watch its workings with a great deal of interest. In New York City the alumni chapter scheme will be subjected to the crucial test of its efficiency. In no city in the country, except perhaps here in Chicago, are the conditions for successful growth less favorable than in New York City, whose numerous professional societies, social organizations, and thousands of distractions peculiar to metropolitan life, render it much more difficult to maintain an organization whose existence shall be more than merely nominal, and which will successfully attract the older as well as the younger alumni; which will maintain active co-operation and advisory relations with the Executive Council and the smaller chapters; promote a better acquaintance, socially and professionally, among the graduate members of the fraternity, and advance the interests of Delta Tau Delta in its vicinity. And if the New York alumni succeed in their undertaking, as now seems more than probable, we shall not listen with any degree of patience to the protests of our alumni in such cities as Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and Indianapolis that, in spite of their large number of

resident members, they cannot venture to conduct an alumni chapter with at least as fair a prospect of success as our alumni in the busy Metropolis.

THE CATALOGUE DISTRIBUTION.

THE last General Convention passed a resolution providing for the definite and final distribution of the remaining copies of the Fifth General and First Biographical Catalogue of the fraternity on such a basis that every chapter, as such, shall be responsible for its quota of the entire edition in proportion to the whole number of names on its chapter roll, as found in the Catalogue. This action was taken on the fair assumption that, inasmuch as the Catalogue is a general fraternity enterprise, every chapter should be called upon to bear its proportionate share of the expense by means of subscriptions. In this way all chapters whose alumni and undergraduates have done their duty are relieved of further responsibility, while those who have failed to interest themselves in behalf of the Catalogue, will now be called upon to attend to the distribution of their quota. No fault can be found in justice with this arrangement, which is impartial and fair; and we are glad to learn that several of the chapters who have failed in the past to show that interest which they should have, are now realizing their share of the responsibility by promptly taking up their part of the edition. The Catalogue certainly deserves the most general circulation, and, if properly used, will do more toward bringing together the alumni and undergraduates than any other means that can be devised. It has met with universal approval from all who have seen it, and is considered by those whose opportunities for judging are good, the equal of any work of its class, with perhaps one or two exceptions. To the lawyers of the fraternity the book must be of special value, giving them the addresses of nearly 750 members of their own profession, whose reliability, responsibility and honesty as correspondents is largely guaranteed by the fact that they are members of the fraternity. The time of the year is now coming when our younger members will spend much of their time in travel; they cannot have a more useful traveling companion or *vade mecum* than a copy of the Catalogue. We do not think, however, that the book requires further

praise from us, as its merits are well known throughout the fraternity, and we can only hope that the entire edition will be exhausted in short order. It was not printed from stereotype plates, and as the next Catalogue will not be issued until 1890, it will be well if those who desire a copy of the Catalogue will provide themselves with it at once. We draw attention to the notice, elsewhere in this issue, of the Catalogue Agent on this subject.

THE CONVENTION OF 1886.

THE Executive Council, in pursuance of the authority conferred by the Detroit Convention, has selected Louisville as the place, and August 25, 26 and 27 as the time, for the Convention of 1886. We have every reason to commend the wisdom and judgment exhibited by the Council in their choice of a place so well adapted for a successful Convention as is the city of Louisville. The hotel accommodations are excellent, the generosity and hospitality of its citizens unbounded. The hundreds of Delta Taus in the adjacent Northern States will welcome the opportunity of visiting a typical Southern city, and, at the same time, participating in the affairs of the Convention and joining in the mirth of a jolly Delta banquet. It will for the first time give our Southern chapters the chance to send full delegations, and get thoroughly acquainted with their Northern brethren. Without doubt the selection of Louisville will attract a large number of our new brothers of the Rainbow, and thus lead to that much desired end—the complete and harmonious mingling of the members of the fraternities so happily united. The arrangements for the meeting will be made by the Louisville alumni, who in our next number will publish a full and satisfactory announcement to the fraternity.

No appointments for Orator and Poet of the Convention have as yet been made by the Council, and we earnestly hope that these features will be omitted, and the meeting celebrated without public literary exercises. We base our statement on what we believe to be solid and convincing facts. Two of our recent Conventions,—those of Indianapolis and Detroit,—cost the fraternity an outlay of nearly half-a-thousand dollars. The greater part of this expenditure was for public literary exercises, which, though certainly pleasant and agreeable

features, are yet of momentary value, and not lasting or permanent in their effects. Any Delta who is even slightly acquainted with the actual, pressing needs of the fraternity, will readily admit that these do not lie in the direction of public display at our Conventions. Convention literary exercises in the past have proved themselves costly amusements, and certainly have brought but meagre returns upon the investment. It is not necessary for us to enumerate the different ways in which this money could be more wisely and judiciously expended and invested. They are well known to every Delta Tau who wears the harness of a worker and toiler in our vineyard. Our disbursements, every dollar of them, should be for internal improvements, and not for outward show. To place one chapter in a comfortable hall ought to be of infinitely more satisfaction to us than a two-column newspaper article on literary exercises at our Conventions. The latter is read and appreciated by few, and forgotten in a day by the masses who notice it. Most of us, indeed, who listened to these exercises enjoyed them, and carried away pleasant recollections. Yet the more practical members, when we came to count up the profit and loss and square the ledgers, could not avoid the belief that, by a different use of the money, the fraternity, as a living, working, fighting organization, could have been better prepared for its life, made more efficient in its work, and armored with stronger, sterner weapons for its field of conflict. Money to a college fraternity, as to all organizations, is indeed the sinews of war and the keenest and most effective instrument of offense or defense; and that society which regulates and controls its financial expenditures in the simplest, wisest, most practical methods, will inevitably reap the most permanent and lasting results. As a fraternity dating its real life back scarcely ten years, Delta Tau has accomplished wonders. As much, if not more, can be done in the next decade if we use our surplus money,—if, fortunately, we should possess any,—in strengthening our weak places, in developing where we need to develop, in making permanent and abiding those forces which are essential to the activity and vigor and power of the fraternity.

As an additional argument in support of our position, let us mention the fact that the Louisville Convention will be overcrowded with work. Without the slightest exaggeration, more questions of importance will be thrust upon this Convention than upon any of its predecessors. As is well known, much of the work of the Detroit Convention was left unfinished. We need only mention the Ritual as an example.

At Louisville the policy of the fraternity, in several matters of extreme moment, will be firmly fixed ; the separation of the chapters into permanent Divisions ; the creation of several new funds, and the founding of a permanent financial policy ; the final regulations of dues, taxes and assessments ; the discussion of methods to place the journal on a successful financial basis ; plans for the organization of the alumni ; various changes in the emblems of the fraternity, and other questions of equal importance will invite and engage the attention of the delegates. These subjects must be discussed deliberately and exhaustively, and decided in full view of the force and effect they will exert on the future history and growth of Delta Tau. We have no reason to doubt that every available hour of the three days will be demanded for the transaction of legitimate business, and that no time can be spared to public exercises.

Open Letters.

THE INDIANA ORATORICAL CONTEST AND ITS LESSON.

THE literary exercises upon the occasion of the Indiana State Oratorical Association in Indianapolis, on April 8, are remarkable chiefly for the disgraceful scenes which followed the call for the representative from the the State University at Bloomington. The appearance of two rival claimants gave rise to an acrimonious discussion and to disgraceful disturbances, which ceased only when the manager of English's Opera House announced his determination to clear the house if these scenes did not at once come to an end.

These occurrences one might naturally look for at a political ward caucus, but not at a symposium of college men ; to us they seem especially offensive, and we are therefore prompted to examine the facts of the case and point out the lesson which they should teach. The whole trouble can be traced directly to the system of interfraternity combinations, so common in all of the Indiana Colleges. In no others, in fact, has it become more universal and far-reaching, as written bargains are entered into every year, and by these the several fraternities are inflexibly bound for that period, irrespective of right or wrong. That there is no other principle involved than that of making the best of the bar-

gain, is best shown by the fact, that it is of constant occurrence to see the allied fraternities of one year arrayed in bitter hostility against one another the following year; the desire of each being to control by thus combining as many as possible of the political and literary offices. It affects every phase of college life, every college enterprise, and finally enters into the affairs of the State Oratorical Contest. It is a source of deep regret to the intelligent members of all of the fraternities beyond the limits of the State, and a constant source of anxiety to the governing bodies of the same; it seems to have defied all general and special legislation that has been passed with a view removing it. It is doing much toward making the Chapters of that State political cliques whose sole aim is to advance selfish interests to the detriment not only of their colleges but also of their fraternities; it is largely responsible for perpetuating the initiation of preparatory students, because some of the Chapters in order to maintain their numerical influence, will resort to the initiation of senior and even of middle and junior preparatory students, which necessarily compels others to follow suit. It leads to hasty initiations in the scramble for members, and has done more, we feel sure, than all other influences combined, to cause the numerous instances of expulsions, resignations, and desertions, which are more common in Indiana Colleges than in those of any other State. In fact a casual observer would feel quite justified in assuming, that at some of these colleges the fraternity system is rotten to the core, and, indeed, there must be something radically wrong in a system which tolerates abuses, only a few of which we have pointed out above.

As the first step necessary to purge the fraternity system of its irregularities, it will be necessary to abandon at once the present practice of making written and formal bargains; they savor too much of the methods of the very lowest political work; we believe, that in every relation a chapter's word, like that of an individual, should be as good as its bond; but every chapter should feel free to act according to its best instincts, which it cannot, when a written compact is signed in combination with others, long before the time for action has come.

We will not argue here against interfraternity combinations except in the abstract, for we realize fully that these will continue to exist in spite of the most logical argument and the most stringent legislation, until such a time when the fraternities will find in their legitimate purposes a sufficiently large sphere of usefulness to exercise all of their

energies and engage their entire thought ; but we desire to see their undoubtedly vicious influence minimized by cutting off all features that will yield to argument and legislation. We therefore call upon our Indiana Chapters to hold aloof from all combinations which tie them hand and foot as does the present method ; the resolution of the Watkins Glen Convention to this effect has never been duly heeded. It is useless to remonstrate that they cannot afford to do so, without losing all political influence ; we would rather see them deprived for a whole college generation of all college honors, falsely so-called, than to have them assist in perpetuating a system of whose viciousness, both in methods and results, they must be fully aware. Moreover, at least one chapter in the State, that of $\Delta K E$, at De Pauw University, has resolutely and for a number of years taken precisely the position which we here advocate, and we believe has suffered but little in the distribution of college offices.

A. P. TRAUTWEIN.

Reviews.

THE RECORD | OF THE | OHIO ALPHA CHAPTER, | PHI KAPPA PSI, | compiled and edited | by | W. H. GAMBLE, '88, O. W. U., | Registrar of the Chapter, | E. M. VAN CLEVE, '86, O. W. U., | Delaware, Ohio, | Ohio Wesleyan University, | 1885.

THE publication of this neat little book of 216 pages celebrates the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Ohio Alpha of $\Phi K \Psi$. It is the product of the faithful labor and patient toil of two undergraduates who devoted their time and talents to the work, so that the chapter might possess a fitting record of its achievements. The book opens with the usual *Introduction*, which precedes *A Song of Phi Kappa Psi*, a rather lengthy but excellent poem. Then follows a graphic sketch of the *History of Ohio Alpha*, by C. L. Van Cleve, well known as a recent editor of *The Shield*. *Ohio Alpha's Infancy* is a sympathetic article on that period of chapter life, which to every devoted fraternity man possesses a peculiar interest. The main body of the book is devoted to *The Special Register*, which consists of biographical sketches of the chapter initiates. Many of these are complete in every respect, giving the date of birth, name of parents, course of education, — public school and collegiate; political, professional or business career in full, and many other details necessary to a satisfactory sketch. An unusually large number of honorary members are noticed, who were avowedly initiated to strengthen the chapter at a time when college authorities looked upon fraternities as unworthy of trust. Aside from these members, the chapter has legitimately enrolled many men of prominence and wide reputation. The work concludes with *Ohio Alpha Reminiscences* and an *Index*. The compilers are to be highly commended for the excellence and success of their *Record*. The book will be to them a rich reward for their time, labor and thought, and a fitting tribute of love and loyalty to their chapter, which is certainly to be heartily congratulated upon possessing men who have been willing, under discouraging circumstances, to cheerfully devote themselves to her interests and advancement.

A | MANUAL | OF | PHI DELTA THETA, | by WALTER B. PALMER. | Nashville,
| Southern Methodist Publishing House. | Printed for the author | 1886.

SUCH is the title page of a handsomely printed little volume of fifty-four pages, recently published by Mr. W. B. Palmer, who is well known in general fraternity circles as a very prominent $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, and one of her ablest and most skillful organizers. A very mine of valuable fraternity and collegiate information is packed between the covers of the volume, and a clumsy Phi Delt. will be he who cannot convert it into a most effective and dangerous campaign document. More than half the pages are devoted to a clear and well-written *Sketch of the Fraternity*, wherein is charmingly portrayed the birth, the early struggles and the wonderful growth of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$. Many of the author's statements are strengthened and verified by foot-notes, in the line of quotations from accepted fraternity authorities and historical articles published in the journals. Four pages contain a list of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$'s *Prominent Members*, of whom she possesses a goodly number. *Statistics of Fraternities* mentions all the chartered fraternities, giving date of foundation; number of chapters in number of States; name of journal, with date of foundation; and the fraternity colors. The final sixteen pages contain a most valuable array of *Statistics of Colleges*, in which $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ is represented. The items include name of college and college town; date of charter; income; endowment; number in faculty; number of students in various departments; tuition fee; size of library; names of college papers; names of fraternities represented, with date of entry. By an admirable and judicious use of his materials, Mr. Palmer has succeeded in producing a manual of sterling worth for practical use and ready reference. It is interesting and valuable not only to $\Phi \Delta \Theta$'s, but also to all other fraternity men, who will find the statistical portions especially adapted to their needs. We would like to see a copy placed in the hands of every one of our chapters. The book will be sold to any person, and can be obtained of the author, W. B. Palmer, Nashville, Tenn., for thirty cents in paper covers, and fifty cents in cloth.

Chapter Letters.

Beta Beta—De Pauw.

THE Twelfth Annual Contest of the Indiana State Oratorical Association was held in English's Opera House, Thursday evening, April 8, 1886. After the orators from Franklin and De Pauw had spoken, the presiding officer then arose and said: "I wish to give a word of explanation. The orator from the State University has been contested. Part of the committee is for Mr. Fesler and part for Mr. Sims. Mr. Fesler's name is on the programme, and his subject is "The Independent Voter." As the presiding officer took his seat, Mr. Fesler stepped forward to speak, and at the same time Mr. Sims appeared at the footlights. Cries for Fesler were succeeded by cries for Sims, and then cries of the factions ran together and so continued for the some minutes. Manager English then appeared upon the stage and said: "I am not the manager of this oratorical contest, but I am manager of English's Opera House. If this thing continues, neither of these men shall speak in this house." The cries for Sims and Fesler continued, and then the shout of "Wabash, Wabash," was taken up, that college being next on the programme. Mr. English again came upon the stage and said: "These gentlemen will both have to take their seats. The house officer here will see that they do so." At this both took their seats, and the noise subsided. As Mr. Sims was the orator of the regular association and Mr. Fesler of the irregular one, it seems that the former should have been allowed to speak.

The other colleges represented were Wabash, Butler and Hanover. The first position was awarded to Mr. Joseph M. Adams, '86, $\Delta K E$, of De Pauw University. Among the Judges were Professor Justin N. Study, $\Delta T \Delta$ (Mu, '71), the Superintendent of the Richmond Public Schools, and the Rev. Leland M. Gilleland, $\Delta T \Delta$ (Gamma, '68), the pastor of the Walnut Street Presbyterian Church, Evansville. The winning combination in the election of officers for the ensuing year was composed of $B \Theta \Pi$, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, $\Delta K E$, $\Phi K \Psi$, ΣX and $\Delta T \Delta$, each of which received one or more officers, the minority being composed of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ and the barbarians. Nearly all of our chapter

attended the contest, and had the pleasure of meeting the Phi and Beta Zeta Deltas, and the two Deltas who served as judges on the contest.

Dr. Earp has been offered the presidency of Baker University, at Baldwin, Kan. Prof. William W. Martin, of the School of Theology, has accepted a professorship in the Biblical Department of Vanderbilt University. Lieut. James B. Goe will be succeeded by Lieut. Will T. May as Professor of Military Science and Tactics on the first of July. The Forty-seventh Year-Book of the University is now in the hands of the printers, and will show an enrollment of nearly seven hundred students in all departments. Representatives of a part the fraternities of the Junior Class will soon issue an annual which will be called the *Mirage*, and we will be pleased to exchange with the chapters for the annuals published at their colleges. The chapter regrets the absence of Bro. Wimmer, '86, who will not be in college this term, but will graduate with his class in June. We were all very much pleased to know that the Rainbow Fraternity is now a member of $\Delta T \Delta$, and hope that much good will result from the union. When Bro. Plummer stopped off on his way from Nashville last fall, Beta Beta called a special meeting and agreed to the articles of agreement between $\Delta T \Delta$ and Rainbow, thus being the first chapter to vote upon them. Since last writing it has been our good pleasure to have with us for a short time Bros. Borryman, '86, and Jackson, '82; Professor Study (Mu, '71), Beta Beta's guardian in her early days, and also Bro. Johnson, '85, now Instructor in Physics in the Indianapolis High School, who assisted Professor De Mott in his illustrated lecture on the "Philosophy of Music," the best entertainment of the University lecture course. We acknowledge the receipt of *The Choctaw Pow Wow*, published by Alpha, and *The Iota Chronicle*, both of which are quite readable papers, and deserve much encouragement.

Upsilon—Rensselaer.

OUR second term is nearly finished, and six or seven weeks will see the members of the chapter enjoying the freedom of the summer vacation, which is about the only one worth mentioning with the exception of a week's holiday at Christmas. As we look back over the past year we can truthfully say that the chapter has made more advancement than in any previous one. We have held our largest membership and have secured more college honors than at any time.

The rooms we now occupy are particularly desirable, and as we have a whole floor are very agreeable. We have had the misfortune to lose three of our members, namely, Bro. Finney, '88, and Bros. Hebert and Martin, '89. Bro. Martin was obliged to return home on account of poor health. Bros. Finney and Hebert will return in the fall. The Institute Ball Nine defeated Union College by a score of 12 to 4. Work has been renewed upon the Gymnasium, and it is expected to be finished by next September. It will be a very handsome building, 44×80 feet, two and one-half stories, built of dark red brick, with brown-stone trimmings. The annual, the *Transit*, will be out in about three weeks, and it is reported will be an exceptionally good issue. We hope to exchange with all our sister chapters publishing annuals. On account of the large graduating class, and the small Freshman class, several of the fraternities here will be reduced to a very limited number, especially if the incoming class should be small. During the past month we have had the pleasure of receiving visits from Bros. Asserson, '87; Quintana, '84, and Ranney, '85.

Pi—University of Mississippi.

As THIS is our first letter to appear in THE RAINBOW, and as all know we are new-comers in the Greek world, we would ask indulgence if we do not write as good a letter or appear as well acquainted with journalistic affairs. The University has not as many students this session as in former years. Some attribute as a cause, co-education, which made its *debut* here in 1882 by resolution of the Trustees; but the male part of the student body seems to be dissatisfied with co-education as it now exists, and some few are doing all in their power to banish it from the University. But the session thus far has been very profitable one to the students and a very pleasant and peaceful one for the professors. Spring has come at last, with her balmy breezes and bright new dress of green, and has made the campus lovely beyond description. Nearly all the students have the "spring fever" and "Knucks," which, by the way, is a favorite spring game here.

The 17th of April was the day for the Hermæan Literary Societies Senior Trial Debate, but on account of the inclemency of the weather it was postponed until night, which was lovely, and all the beauty and chivalry of Oxford were out to hear the seniors "spread themselves." It was a very interesting debate, and all the speakers did themselves justice. The following Saturday (24th) was the day for the Phi Sigma

Literary Societies' Senior Debate. The seniors acquitted themselves admirably, and one rarely hears debates like that. On April 30 we will have the pleasure of hearing Phi Sigma's chosen Anniversary Orator, who will give us an original oration, and every one is expecting something grand, as he is a gentleman of some renown in oratory, having taken two medals before. Commencement is slowly but surely approaching, and even now one can hear the boys practicing their speeches for that memorable occasion of "jollity" and "ice cream."

Our chapter is in good condition, and we meet regularly every other Saturday night. We have thirteen good men, which is more than the average for each fraternity here. Three of our men are juniors, three sophomores, three freshmen, and one senior law student. This seems to be a good session for fraternities here, as every one has a good number, and there seems to be less of the clannish spirit and more sociability among the clubs than has been for many years. We are anticipating quite a nice time with some of our alumni at Commencement, of whom quite a number have written us that they would be here on that occasion. We received letters not long since from Bros. Plummer and Ware, welcoming us as Deltas, and also received a letter from Bro. Eugene Benton, of Beta Epsilon. We are always glad to hear from any Delta, and thank Bros. Plummer and Ware for the nice welcome they gave us, and hope that we may always conduct ourselves so as not to lessen that welcome or detract from the fair name of Delta Tau Delta.

Lambda—Vanderbilt.

SINCE the initiation of the Rainbow Chapter into the mysteries of $\Delta T \Delta$, things have been on the *qui vive*. Our members have gone to work with an earnestness never displayed before, and are determined to make and keep the " Δ " Chapter one of the best in the fraternity world. Bro. Finney, of " T " Chapter, was with us on the 15th, and the boys vied with each other in showing him courtesies, and succeeded so well that he remained a day longer than he expected to. We are now trying to hold a Conference of the chapters of the Rainbow Division, in order that the newly made Deltas may be made better acquainted with the inner workings of the fraternity, and that a more healthy spirit of fraternal feeling might be infused into some of them. If we succeed in holding a Conference, it will more likely be at Chattanooga, May 21 and 22, and all Deltas are cordially invited to attend

and lend a helping hand. Bro. J. M. Kile Law, '86, has been honored by being appointed as one of the Moot Court speakers for Commencement. The $\Delta T \Delta$ Chapter has, as confreres in the mystic world, the $B \Theta \Pi$, $K \Sigma$, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, $X \Phi$, $K A$, $\Sigma A E$, with all of whom it is on the most friendly terms. The $B \Theta \Pi$, $X \Phi$ and $\Delta T \Delta$ are especially on friendly terms, and never fail to come to the assistance of one another when necessity demands it. Our fraternities generally average about fifteen members. We have initiated about twenty of the old Rainbow alumni into the fraternity. On May 8 there will be a sort of reunion of the alumni, pursuant to a request from our chapter, on which day we expect about twenty more to "ride the goat."

I would so much like to be able to write at length the praises of the University in which " Δ " Chapter is located, for it is undoubtedly the best equipped University in the South. Therefore, for want of space, I will only speak of a new enterprise that has been inaugurated at Vanderbilt, namely, an Athletic and a Base Ball Association, which promises to bring great pleasure to the boys and profit to our University. At present there are about one hundred members in each association. Our object is to get our Southern Colleges interested in this move in order that we might meet once a year in the Caledonian games, as they do in the Eastern Colleges. Our "field" day will be on the 7th of May, and I may safely predict, from what the boys are doing in practice, that several records will be equalled, if not beaten. Bro. J. B. Fogg (B.A., Harvard), Law, '86, is the captain of the athletic games. Bro. J. A. Clinton, Law, '86, is manager of the Varsity B. B. C. Our colors are white, black and yellow.

Omicron—University of Iowa.

THE State University has been severely handled this year by the legislature and friends (?) Everyone having some little grievance has taken this opportunity to ventilate it before the legislature. Notwithstanding this combined opposition, the appropriation bill passed, and the University is better known and better appreciated for having undergone the test. This has been a prosperous year for the S. U. I. Fraternities. Omicron introduces to you three initiates since our last letter—James H. Lloyd, '89, Charles City; Valmah T. Price, '89, Elkader, and Henry C. Williams, '87, Charles City. The number of initiates into the different fraternities this year are as follows; $\Delta T \Delta$,

ten ; $B \Theta II$, eight ; $\Phi K \Psi$, four ; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, four ; ΣX , three. R. B. Clark, '88, is with us again this term.

The Iowa City *Vidette Reporter* of March 6 contained the following item :

"Last Saturday evening the members of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity met in their large and elegant halls for the purpose of entertaining their friends. The evening was spent in social intercourse, cards and dancing. Among the visitors present were Miss Lulu Clarke, Cedar Rapids ; Misses Lamsons, Fairfield ; also, Messrs. Chas. E. Thayer, Minneapolis ; J. W. Witmer, Grant Marquardt, Des Moines ; H. M. Hedrick, Ottumwa ; E. L. Hughes, Ohio Wesleyan University."

Mu—Ohio Wesleyan.

THERE is a marked falling off in the usual attendance of students at the O. W. U. this term, probably due to exaggerated reports about the "measles epidemic" we had last term. A little over four hundred students have thus far enrolled. There seem to be but few men available for fraternities among the new students. This is the term when the fraternities try their strength with each other in games of ball and other out-door sports. Already the "nines" are being formed, and at no distant date $\Delta T \Delta$ will doubtless "cross bats" with some worthy opponent. What we lose for want of a gymnasium we can regain by field sports. A gymnasium and drill room has recently been fitted up in one of the college buildings, but members of the battalion only are allowed to enter. At the close of last term we were officially notified by the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity that H. J. Clark, '88, and C. E. Dreese, '89, had, *by request*, resigned from that fraternity. Mr. Clark was formerly a member of $\Phi K \Psi$ at Meadville, Pa., while Mr. Dreese recently entered as a new student from Xenia. It seemed to be the old story of "fish in the wrong pool."

Bro. H. B. Swartz, '84, who has been attending the Boston School of Theology, will take a post graduate course of study here this term for the degree of A. B., in order that he may be able to receive the degree of Ph. D. when he returns to Boston. Bro. A. L. Banker, '86, has been called away for a month to fill a vacancy in the public schools at Cardington, O., but will return in time to graduate with his class. Not long since Bro. E. E. Ewing, B, '64, made our chapter a pleasant call. The reports of our delegates to the Second Division Conference were very entertaining, and we are sorry that more of us could not attend. The Junior Class of this college expect to publish a *Bijou*,

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which will probably be out in about a month. We would be glad to exchange with other chapters for like publications. The Pan Hellenic Glee Club, which furnished music for the last Pan Hellenic Banquet, took a trip, during the spring vacation, through Southern Ohio, giving, in all, four concerts. Various reports from the different places and from the boys themselves have been received, and we are led to believe that while they did not get "rich," they had more "fun" than is derived from most vocations. Since this term began they have organized themselves into a Pan Hellenic Fraternity called the $\Lambda K \Phi$. They have thirteen members—nine singers and four musicians. They recently gave a very entertaining concert before the people of Delaware, which consisted of college songs and other ditties which made the programme spicy throughout. Our latest initiate to the fraternity is George H. Geyer, '89.

Beta—Ohio University.

SINCE our last letter the attendance at the Ohio University has been considerably increased, and the new buildings and additional apparatus promises to greatly increase the prosperity of the University. A few days ago the Legislature appropriated several thousand dollars for our use in employing new professors for next year, and the outlook for our time-honored institution is better than ever before. Arbor Day in Ohio we celebrated in fine style. Some new trees were planted in the Delta row, and it still remains the finest row of fraternity trees in the campus.

Beta now has eight members, all of whom are up to the standard of Deltaism in intellect and character. The $B \Theta \Pi$'s and $\Phi \Lambda \Theta$'s have some very good men here, but we are proud that the Deltas still take the lead in scholarship. We are sorry to announce, however, that one of our brightest men, Bro. F. E. Strickland, a member of the Senior Class, died at his home in Adams County some weeks ago. Bro. Strickland was, without question, the best student in the University, and we expected great pleasure and profit from our association with him for another term, but he passed away in that unwavering faith which we believe Deltaism fosters, and has gone to his reward above. Our chapter was highly entertained at the home of Prof. Evans a few evenings ago. Prof. Evans is the only member of the Faculty who is an enthusiastic frat. man, and he wants us to know that

he belongs to us, and he helps us in many ways. Two of our boys out of the six selected are on the programme for literary contest at the coming Commencement, and for the fourth time in succession one of our Alumni will deliver the Master's Oration in June. Only two of our boys—T. B. White and J. A. Kirkendall—graduate this year. We are all in good spirits and expect to make the remainder of this term the most pleasant for Beta that she has seen for years.

Omega—Iowa State College.

WITH May 1st comes a change in the presidency of the I. S. C., President Leigh Hunt having handed in his resignation on account of ill health. The name of his successor is as yet unknown, though various indications point to Hon. J. W. Akers, present State Superintendent of Public Instruction, as the coming man. As may be readily imagined, students, being specially interested, are looking forward to the meeting of the Trustees and the announcement of the new executive with no small degree of interest. The Legislature only appreciated our institution this year to the extent of an appropriation of \$7,500, a matter much regretted by all, as there was ample room for a judicious expenditure of many times that amount.

Omega has not been idle this term. The opening found us with eleven active members on hand, and a general disposition prevailing to push society work. This has been carried out, and our regular literary sessions thus far have been marked for their success and interest manifested. On the evening of May 6 we hold our first joint session of the term with the "sisterhood" of I. C's. Temporal, as well as spiritual things will no doubt be very ably discussed, and an enjoyable occasion is anticipated.

Epsilon—Albion.

SINCE our last letter we have entered upon the last term of our year. Our outlook is particularly pleasant to us, since, for the first time in our history, we are living together in a chapter house. This is the accomplishment of a long series of persistent efforts upon the part of Epsilon to possess a chapter house, and it is with great pride and satisfaction that we are able to extend an invitation to our alumni and any and all Deltas, while in the city, to call upon us and make us a visit. Our doors are always open,—come. We will assure you that you are

heartily welcome. The prospects within our chapter are equally as promising as those without. Since the beginning of the year, by close economy and constant effort, we have been able to decrease our chapter debt to the extent of seventy dollars, while at the same time paying our local running expenses and keeping a clean balance sheet with our general fraternity. To us this is greatly encouraging. We feel that our strength in a financial way has been put to a practical test, and that we have won, and that indicates to us a bright and happy future. Also, it gives to us much pleasure to be able to introduce to the fraternity our new fraters, Bro. Luther Lovejoy and Bro. Edmund Edmunds, who have united their interests with ours in Delta Tau Delta.

Eta—Buchtel.

THURSDAY evening, April 15, our active members and several of our alumni of Akron, with three Delts from Cleveland, assembled with their ladies at Hotel Buchtel to see $\Delta T \Delta$ and $K K \Gamma$ united in A. E. Hyre and S. Emma Cadwallader. The party was composed almost entirely of Delts and Kappas. Rev. C. E. Nash, of the Universalist Church, rendered a very impressive ceremony. Everything passed off in perfect order. No more enjoyable time could have been wished by the most critical, as everybody was happily entertained throughout the entire evening of ceremony, music and banquet, and all felt that they must long remember the marriage of Lon. and Cad. Delta Tau Delta furnished ushers. Bro. Garber and Miss Krenzke, $K K \Gamma$, were attendants at the ceremony. Among the presents were an elegant clock ($K K \Gamma$), a fine decorated tea-set ($\Delta T \Delta$), many silver pieces (Akron alumni), and a fine lamp (Zeta and Cleveland alumni).

The Record, given birth to by Bro. Hyre, and by him sold to Bro. Felt, has slumbered for more than a year, it having been purchased by the Faculty. This last-named body offered it to the students to edit and manage, but the students could not agree with the faculty. A few days since, those to whom *The Record* was indebted received notices that were they to bestow the same upon the college, the gift would be duly appreciated. Bro. Felt can now walk out without fear of his creditors, as many looked to him as responsible for the completion of their ads. and subscriptions. In the death of *The Record* is another case of a deluded faculty. There is not much communion of good feeling in the Senior Class,—about half of the members pulling one

way and the remainder another. Some are dissatisfied with the manner of electing representatives on commencement day. This is the cause of the split, but there is a mixture of obstinacy.

Iota—Michigan State.

EFFORTS for the organization of a third fraternity in the college are at present being exerted, with favorable chances for success. The institution, with a constantly growing attendance of over three hundred, can well support an additional society. Iota, on the night of April 3, was happy to add to her circle of actives Bro. J. B. Wheeler. Bro. C. B. Collingwood, '85, graced the ceremony with his presence. The occasional visits of Bro. Thomas, '85, are heartily appreciated by the chapter, always happy in extending her courtesies to her alumni. We have lately placed in our hall a new Knabe piano, an addition long contemplated, and our final success gives us a great deal of pleasure. Our hall presents an exceedingly fine appearance, since it was completely refurnished only two years ago at an expense of several hundred dollars. The expense of the piano was largely met by our alumni, to whom the thanks of the actives are cordially extended.

Beta Zeta—Butler.

THERE has been a most gratifying change here in the feeling of fraternities for each other. So far, this term has been accompanied by the usual prosperity in college circles. Everything has been gliding smoothly along, with the exception of the double delegation from here to the State Oratorical Association, and even this disturbance did not manifest itself in any rancorous feelings among the students. Our chapter has always discouraged combinations and the wire pulling,—if not the hair pulling,—to which they necessarily lead. In this respect we have a clear record, and we hope that a higher standard of peace and harmony is awaiting our college. There is the best of feeling existing among the sister fraternities, as well as between the fraternities and "barbs." There is not so much anti-fratism shown as a year ago, and, indeed, there has been no cause for such feeling. It has been about as quiet in fraternity circles. No initiations have taken place, except that of a prep. taken by the Phi Deltas.

Every one was much surprised, at the beginning of the term, by the news that the *KA Θ's* had lost their charter, it having been

taken away at their last convention, at Wooster, Ohio. Several reasons have been given, but none seem to have sufficient evidence of being the right one. Much sympathy has been expressed, and we understand there was talk of trying to have the charter renewed. We as well as other fraternities, have been tolerably quiet this term, but we hope by our next letter to announce another loyal Delt. Bro. Wise will be in our midst next year. He has hitherto been preaching in the city, but has resigned his position there, and intends moving to Irvington. He will be a powerful instrument for our good, as no one comes in contact with him without feeling his genial influence. We also hope to have Bro. Higbee with us next year. He has been teaching this year, and he has been so much in love with it that he hardly knows whether to return or not. Brother Davison is clerking in a coal and coke company's office in Minonk, Ill. We were much rejoiced the first of the term by a visit from Bro. Van Cleave, who has been in Kansas for a couple of years. He is very enthusiastic; says he met several Deltas, all of whom treated him as if he were a long-lost brother. Bro. Armstrong cannot be with us this term, much to our sorrow, on account of his eyes. Bro. Durler is, we understand, though not to a certainty, clerking in a bank in Chicago. Our alumni seem to forget us. It may be that they start to come to see us, but that the city stops them. We would like to see an alumnus once in a while, and take this method of letting them know it.

Chi—Kenyon.

OLD Kenyon is in as prosperous condition now as she has been for years. Our very able faculty, combined with the untiring zeal of President Bodine, leave nothing undone to keep the standard up to what it always has been. Hubbard Hall, a very fine stone structure whose use is to be devoted to a library, is now completed. Quite a number of students from the Grammar School will enter college next fall. This preparatory school has never been in a better condition than now; the students are subjected to strict military discipline, the attendance is large, and the teachers employed are competent. Kenyon Day occurs this year during Commencement week. Everything is quiet in the fraternity circles. We have not, however, been altogether inactive. We are happy to introduce to the fraternity Bro. Henry J. Eberth, from Toledo, Ohio. He was initiated just at the close of last term; is a member of the Class of '89, which, by the way, he leads.

An honor he is to Delta Tau. Bro. Harris, '85, is practicing law at Sullivan, Ind., and is meeting with success. Bro. Reid, '87, is Kenyon Day orator, also base-ball captain. Bro. Eberth is a member of the nine; he is also a member of the choir and glee club. Our *College Reveille* will be out about the middle of June. We would be glad to exchange with our sister chapters.

Zeta—Adelbert.

THE conference business has all been finished up, and Zeta takes pride in the result. It is rumored that another fraternity among us is a possibility of the near future. Let them bring their men with them, at least let them bring the seed for a chapter, and it must be of good quality. Our president, Dr. Carrol Cutler, has resigned the presidency, the resignation to take effect at Commencement. He will continue to fill the chair of philosophy. We had a pleasant call from Bro. Degan, of Delta, last week. Adelbert will have a field day this year under the management of the Sophomore Class. An excellent programme has been made out, and some good records are looked for. Our annual, *The Reserve*, will be out this month, without doubt, and it is the wish of the chapter to exchange with all chapters issuing annuals. We make this statement, knowing that several of the chapters have already issued their annual. Upon receiving the news of The Rainbow consolidation we held a jollification and ratification appropriate to such an important event. A party composed of resident alumni and actives went to Akron the 15th instant to attend Bro. A. E. Hyre's wedding, which was a royal Delta affair.

Gamma—Washington and Jefferson.

We open the present term two short. Bro. C. G. Whistler left for good last term to go into business. He was a genial, good fellow, a royal Delta, and will be missed by all the boys. We wish him success. Bro. McAdams is threatened with typhoid fever, and will not be back for some time yet. Bro. H. G. Alexander assumes the office of editor-in-chief of *Jeffersonian*, and promises to give us a good paper. Bro. Geo. S. McElroy, our only Senior, will go to Virginia at the close of the term instead of Apollo, Pa. His father recently purchased a large plantation in Orange County, Va. George is one of the "old timers" in the frat, and we hate to see him go. May the shadow of his mous-

tache never grow less. Bro. Robert R. Reed dined the Frat Whist Club recently. The boys were impolite enough to beat him in his own house. We all enjoyed it very much. The college annual will be out next month. We would like to exchange with some of the other chapters. Bro. Ross spent the spring vacation with his brother at Annapolis, Md. Charles Newlon is back again looking after the oil wells. We were very much pleased to be again represented so ably at the First Grand Division Conference by Bro. C. B. Reid. The chapter will go out soon, and select some good shady hillside and be photographed by Bro. Sherrard Elliott. Cannot promise to pay for camera. Gamma is very much pleased with the consolidation with Rainbow, and extend the hand of greeting with best wishes to all our new brothers.

Xi—Simpson.

OUR regular corps is augmented this term by the return of Bro. C. B. Kern, '89, who has remained out for a year, and the initiation of Robert C. Harbison, '88, of Indianola, Ia., the evening of the 10th instant. This gives us an active force of ten. In the case of Bro. Harbison a new regulation takes its first effect; before initiates are admitted to the full rights of membership, it requires a thorough knowledge of the laws and workings of the fraternity, which we have always insisted upon, and (thanks to the Rho for formulating) have incorporated in our new code of chapter laws. Since the opening of the term we have treated the walls of our hall to a new dress of paper, which makes its appearance so rich and pleasant it is with justice acknowledged the finest suite of rooms in the city. Xi has labored hard to revive *The Tangent* this year, but as the hearty co-operation of all parties could not be secured it was deemed best to drop the enterprise till another year. We have constantly favored its publication, and its death last year was due to the disinterested spirit of our rivals. Bro. T. D. Murphy, '87, was the winner of the Miller Poetical Prize Medal the evening of March 18, and now bears the title, Poet Laureate of Simpson. The subject of his poem was "The Way of Life." Bro. T. N. Franklin, '89, presides over the Philomathian Society this term. Bro. N. B. Ashby, '85, favored us with a pleasant visit the close of last term. By reason of poor health he has been compelled to resign his position as teacher of the Latin High School at Winterset, Ia. Maurice Bradford, ex-'87, has gone west in search

of better health. Bro. W. B. Whitney, ex-'80, made a recent visit to Indianola. Xi rejoices over the recent addition to our ranks. To the members of the Rainbow, one and all, she extends a cordial greeting, and hopes that the union may be one of mutual profit and good will.

Beta Theta—University of the South.

LET me introduce our new brothers,—A. H. Noll, from Western Texas; F. M. Garland, of Boston, Mass.; and Charley S. Heard, of Augusta, Ga. We are quite proud of our choice, and *we* think we have the pick of the flock. We started in this term with an active list of sixteen men, the three new brothers making nineteen. We are in better condition than we have ever been, and are enthusiastic for the cause.

The foundations are just being laid for a new gymnasium, which when completed will be one of the handsomest structures we have. The number of students in attendance is larger than it has ever been at this season, and the indications are that the University has entered upon a "boom" of prosperity. The Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest will be held on the 6th of May. Our orators are Mr. Guerrey, *Σ A E*, and Mr. Thompson, *K E*. We also think of contesting with Vanderbilt in athletic sports. Fraternity circles here are very peaceable and quiet at present. An annual is being agitated, but nothing else of importance is talked about.

Bro. G. G. Smith, who initiated our chapter at Vanderbilt, is charmed with the men there, and is very proud of having been the first man to initiate a Grand Chapter. Bro. Weiss, who initiated the Oxford Chapter, reports an excellent body of men. Delta Tau Delta has every reason to be proud of having two such chapters as these are.

Delta—University of Michigan.

THE most notable stir about the University this spring seems to be the great impetus that has been given athletics by the opening of the gymnasium. Every afternoon now finds a crowd on the campus practicing running, jumping and walking. The base-ball and Rugby teams are also in daily practice, and much is expected of them. Bro. F. A. Rasch will manage the nine this year, and Bro. Sanders is secretary and treasurer. Bro. McDonald will play first base and catcher. Lawn tennis is also very popular, and not less so with the ladies than with the

gentlemen. There promises to be a most lively Commencement this spring, and socially, at least, it will probably surpass any previous one. Bro. McAndrews, who is president of the Senior Class, is doing all in his power to make it a great success. *The Palladium* is now out, and is one of the best ever issued here, from a literary view, and far surpasses any previous editions in appearance and material.

Affairs are moving along harmoniously in the chapter, and while we shall lose six men this year, we will start next fall with a fair number, and our outlook is very promising for a speedy increase. Bro. Callard, '84, spent the latter part of April with us, and Bros. Scranton and Bennett, of Epsilon, paid us a visit recently. Bro. Reed, '76, was here for a few days lately. He is about to start for England. We are always glad to have a visit from any members of the fraternity.

Psi—Wooster.

WE are glad to introduce to the fraternity our last initiate, Bro. Thos. P. McKee, '89. He is of such stuff as Deltas are made, and wears his badge with the grace of an old timer. Bro. T. A. Wise is back this term, and will enter '89. Bro. J. C. Sharpe, '83, who is Professor in an academy at East Pittsburgh, Pa., spent part of the last vacation at Princeton, N. J. There are three Deltas in the college and two in the seminary. He gathered them together and had an old fashioned reunion. The boys all have the true spirit, and we are proud of them. We extend to our Rainbow Chapters a most hearty welcome. For they are welcome. There is no other fraternity which, at the age of ours, had ever accomplished so much, or had before it so bright a future. And with the power that W. W. W. brings us, we will be enabled to push our policy more vigorously, and to gain larger ends. "Long live our fraternity." The University has of late received ten thousand dollars, and a microscope valued at one thousand. A change has also been made in the curriculum, which necessitates a high standard for admittance. The attendance has been about five hundred this year, and promises to be much larger the next.

Nu—Lafayette.

SINCE the beginning of this scholastic year Nu has had her hands full. Starting with but three members, we have steadily gained ground until now we number nine, all of whom will return next year, except

Bro. Stenger, who will graduate. Lately we have been renovating our rooms. The improved appearance well rewards us for our trouble. It is fitted up with a billiard table and neat furniture. We receive the benefit of the experience of our alumni of town who move in perfect harmony with the active members. Every Saturday evening we convene to transact business, and are sincerely glad to see the activity in the fraternity in general, and in our new acquaintance particularly. The *Melange* has just been issued, containing a full account of $\Delta T \Delta$ Chapters, and showing its creditable standing as compared with other fraternal orders. Spring has bedecked again the grounds of Lafayette, bringing forth all its beauties. We have a campus that, for beauty, practical use and convenience, has few equals. The college is situated on a hill raising abruptly from the town, commanding excellent views of the surrounding country. The buildings, too, are well worthy of notice, and are objects of interest to visitors. The students enter with vigor into athletic sports, and not without good showing. Activity in the fraternities is at present rather low. In closing we extend the hand of good fellowship to our new fraters of the Rainbow.

Alpha—Allegheny.

THE Annual Pow-wow, celebrated last term, was very successful, many of our alumni being present at the peculiar and fantastic ceremony. After smoking the calumet, the warriors in solemn and stately dignity marched to the banquet hall and fell upon the "jerked meats" in a very enthusiastic and unanimous way. As usual the traditional howls and the inevitable "walk-around" completed the yearly palaver. James A. Wakefield is our latest pappoose, and is rapidly assuming the visage of a full fledged warrior. Bros. Warren and Bumgartner do not meet with us this term, but will return in the fall. We are preparing for a grand reunion of our alumni at the coming Commencement. A large number have already signified their intention of being present, and everything indicates a glorious success. Our local alumni have been strengthened by the addition of Dr. W. D. Hamaker (I , '80), who has settled in the city. In the Young Men's Republican Club of Crawford County, the Alpha is represented by the President, Maj. Chip. Richmond, '82; Vice-President, W. B. Best, '83; and Treasurer, Harry Flood, '85. Fraternity matters are quiet, but few initiations being reported. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has secured a suit of rooms in the Phoenix

Block, which they have finely furnished. *K A Θ* recently gave a reception to the fraternities, which was largely attended and very successful. The graduating class this year numbers thirty-two, and its loss will seriously effect several of our rivals, whose best men graduate with '86. We received a pleasant call lately from Bro. Nat. Degan, of Delta.

Necrology.

James Albert Porter, Iota, '77,

Was born in Preston county, W. Va., February 5, 1854. He came with his parents to Blissfield, Mich., in 1864, and entered the State Agricultural College in the fall of '73, being initiated at the Iota the same term. After graduation, in 1877, he engaged in teaching, at which work he was eminently successful. He was married in the fall of 1884 to Miss Alice Hodges, of Ogden, near his old home in Blissfield, where he died December 25, 1885. For fifteen years he had been a member of the United Brethren of the Zion Church, Ogden. He was always ready to identify himself with every Christian work, and was particularly efficient and enthusiastic in performing the duties of the Superintendent of Sabbath School, which position he had long held.

RESOLUTIONS OF CHAPTER IOTA.

WHEREAS, The Omnipotent hand has again brought sorrow to our fraternity in the death of a loyal son, James Albert Porter; and,

WHEREAS, We realize that in him the fraternity loses a zealous worker and faithful brother, and his family a kind father and devoted husband. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we hereby express the high esteem and reverence we ever entertained toward the deceased, and point with pride to his pure and Christian life.

Resolved, That we extend the sorrowing family our sincere sympathy in their irreparable loss.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to his family, printed in *THE CRESCENT*, and entered on the minutes of the Chapter.

Stewart McKee, Beta Eta Prime, (U. of W. Pa.) '65.

Stewart McKee, of the firm of McKee Brothers, glass manufacturers, died at his residence, 111 Sheffield street, Allegheny, Pa., on the morning of Nov. 18, 1885, from rheumatism of the stomach. Bro. McKee was 40 years of age, having been born on Bingham street, South Side, Pittsburg. He

was a son of the late Thomas McKee, junior partner of the firm of McKee & Co., glass manufacturers. He was an alumnus of the old Western University and afterwards went into business with his brother, H. Sellers McKee. He was a vigorous, intelligent business man and a prominent citizen. He was married in 1838 to a daughter of James Dalzell, who, with an infant son, survive him. The deceased was also Vice President of the M. & M. Bank, a director of the South Side Gas Company, the Birmingham Bridge Company, and was one of the originators of the Fuel Gas Company, as well as identified with several other business enterprises.

William Johnstone Davidson, Theta, '74.

Was born September 2, 1852, at Cornellsville, Pa., and moved to Beaver, Pa., with his father's family in the spring of 1868. In 1869 and '70 he was a student at the Beaver College, and in '71, '72 and '73 attended Bethany College, West Virginia, where he was a great favorite. After he left college he was appointed Deputy Prothonotary under O. A. Small, Esq., which place he filled for five years. In '77 he received the appointment of Assistant Postmaster in the Pittsburgh postoffice, where he remained until July 15, 1883. In 1882 he was a candidate for the Republican nomination in the Beaver district for State Senator, but was defeated in a close contest by Senator Agnew. When the Love Sewing Machine Works of Rochester was organized he became the General Superintendent, but after two years resigned on account of his failing health. He died at Beaver Falls, Sunday, December 11, 1884, after a lingering illness of more than two years. The deceased was a man of great promise, universally loved and respected, and had he lived, would have won his way to distinction and eminence.

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THE XXVIII ANNUAL CONVENTION will be held at Columbus, O., Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 24, 25 and 26, 1887, under the auspices of Chapter Mu. *President*, Hon. Joseph Moreland, Gamma, '66, Morgantown, W. Va.; *Vice-President*, W. W. Shilling, Alpha, '80, Sharon, Pa.; *Sec'y*, Oliver Matson, B B, '85, Marion, O.; *Orator*, Hon. G. S. Sturgiss (U. of W. Va.), Morgantown, W. Va.; *Post*, J. N. Matthews (U. of Ill., '72), Mason, Ill.

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THE LOUISVILLE CONVENTION.

The Twenty-seventh General Convention of the Fraternity, which was held in Louisville, Ky., beginning its sessions on Wednesday, August 25, and continuing for three days, was in many respects one of the most important, and noteworthy, in the history of the Fraternity. While it did not, in point of attendance, attain the magnitude and dignity of the unusually large Conventions of Pittsburgh (1881), Cleveland (1882), and Indianapolis (1883), which were held in cities where the resident membership of the Fraternity is very much larger than that of Louisville, yet it was a truly representative Convention in every sense of the word; it was one of the best working Conventions which the Fraternity has thus far held. Its acts will exercise an important and far reaching influence upon the future welfare of the Fraternity. It was a most harmonious Convention; there was an entire absence of even the slightest evidences of a certain strained feeling, which so many members regretted to see displayed in the past, on the part of a few. The reasons for this welcome change were plainly apparent to those who closely followed, and hence were fully familiar with certain events within the Fraternity, during the past year, and it became the subject of repeated and favorable comment, that these disturbing influences no longer existed. The utmost of harmony, good feeling, and good fellowship, was manifested throughout the sessions, both of the Convention itself and its several committees. The sessions, moreover, were well attended, and closer attention was given the business in hand, and less time was devoted to sight-seeing than usual. Under the prompt guidance of the President, and a general willingness on all sides to dispose promptly of the work to be accomplished, the business was transacted smoothly,

and quickly. Nothing, however, was done hastily, and ill-advisedly ; this has often been the case in previous years, when the Convention sometimes settled down to the task on hand only on the morning of the second day. At this Convention, however, sessions for the transaction of business were held on the evenings of both the first and second days, which materially helped to dispatch the work in hand. Among the constituents of this Convention were a number of veteran Convention-goers, whose judgment may, therefore, be relied upon ; and, in the opinion of these, as well as of those whose experience was more limited, the twenty-seventh Convention was an unqualified success.

In the unavoidable absence of the President, Edward D. Curtis, *M*, '70, and of the Vice-President, Rev. Norman B. Harris, *B* *Θ*, '83, the General Treasurer of the Fraternity, Joseph B. Ware, *I*, '82, was made chairman of the Convention ; by previous appointment, A. P. Trautwein, *P*, '76, acted as Secretary. The sessions were held in the large parlor of the Galt House, the leading hotel of the city, which was the headquarters of the Convention, and where some forty or more Deltas were registered. The address of welcome, in behalf of the resident members of the Fraternity, was made by Dr. Thomas H. Stucky, *Θ*, '81, Professor of Pathology, in the Louisville College of Medicine. It was responded to in behalf of the delegates and visitors, by Oliver Matson, *B* *B*, '85.

These preliminary exercises having been completed, the Convention heard the report of the Committee on Credentials, which showed that twenty-two of the thirty-one chapters of the Fraternity, were represented by thirty-three delegates. After the appointment of the standing committees, provided for in the Constitution and Laws, the remainder of the morning session was devoted to the reading of reports from individual chapters, and to the discussion of the Alumni interests of the Fraternity, growing out of the report of the New York Alumni Association.

The afternoon session was given up to the statements of the Song-book, Vignette, Color, and Catalogue Agents of the Fraternity. The report of the Song-book Agent, Bro. Lucius W. Hoyt, *I*, '82, was particularly interesting, because it gave evidence of an advanced condition of the work on the proposed book, which few were prepared to expect, considering our many previous futile efforts in this direction ; the plan of publication, as therein proposed, and

as adopted by the Convention, will ensure the financial success of the undertaking ; it will distribute, in a most just and equitable manner, the expense of publication upon all of the chapters, and precisely as an enterprise of such general character and importance should be carried out.

The evening session was occupied with the report of the General Treasurer, which showed that the several funds of the Fraternity, including the newly created "Chapter Fund," are in an exceptionally prosperous condition. The report was a voluminous, yet clear and business-like statement, of our financial status ; it further showed the defects of our methods in the past, and indicated lines for reform. It is more than likely that, as a consequence, the finances of the Fraternity will, hereafter, receive more thorough attention on the part both of the general officers of the Fraternity, and of the individual chapters as well, which the importance of a sound, financial policy demands. The remainder of this session was taken up by the presentation of further chapter reports, all of which seemed to indicate an exceptionally flourishing condition of the several chapters.

In the morning session of the second day, the reading of reports from chapters was continued, and brought to a close, and the report of the Committee on Constitution, Laws, and Jurisprudence, was taken up. In the afternoon session this was continued ; the report of a special Committee on Redistricting the Fraternity, was adopted, and the report of the Committee on Time and Place of the next Convention, was received. It was decided that the Twenty-eighth General Convention be held in Columbus, Ohio, on August 24, 1887, that it continue for three days, and that the arrangements for the same be entrusted to the Mu chapter, under the general care and supervision of the Council. The Committee on Nominations reported at this session, and the following officers were elected : President of Convention, Hon. Joseph Moreland, *I*, '66, of Morgantown, W. Va.; Vice-President, William W. Shilling, *A*, '80, of Sharon, Pa.; Secretary, Oliver Matson, *B B*, '85, of Greencastle, Ind.; Orator, Hon. George C. Sturgiss, *A*¹, '65, of Morgantown, W. Va.; Poet, Dr. James N. Matthews, *T*¹, '72, of Mason, Ills.; Historian, Alfred P. Trautwein, *P*, '76, of Hoboken, N. J.; Members of the Council : Rev. Washington Gardner, *M*, '70, of Kalamazoo, Mich., and John L. Teeters, *Θ*, '86, of Des

Moines, Iowa, for two years; and Walter Cain, *A*, '80, of Nashville, Tenn., for one year. Henry T. Brück, *P*, '78, of Hartford, Conn., was elected General Secretary of the Fraternity, for a term of three years. Rev. Gardner was elected President of the Fraternity, and of the Council; Joseph B. Ware, General Treasurer of the same, and Henry T. Brück, was made Secretary of the Council. The report of the Committee on Chapters and Charters was a thoughtful and candid statement, and will, if carried into effect, do much toward determining a sound policy in the matter of withdrawing and granting charters, of internal improvement and betterment.

The evening session was devoted to the report of the General Secretary, the election of the four Grand Chapters, and the consideration of the report of THE RAINBOW. The Convention, late in the evening, adjourned for the banquet. This, although somewhat hastily arranged for, proved nevertheless a most enjoyable occasion. Dr. Thomas H. Stucky, *Θ*, '81, acted as Toastmaster, and about thirty-five members were in attendance. The following toasts were responded to: "Delta Tau Delta, Among the Fraternities," Oliver Matson, *B B*, '85; "THE RAINBOW, of Delta Tau Delta," Wharton Plummer, *A*, '84; "The Alumni of Delta Tau Delta, A. P. Trautwein, *P*, '76; "Delta Tau Delta, in the Professions," Dr. T. V. C. Barkley, *Θ*, '77; "Our Prospective Song-Book," L. W. Hoyt, *I*, '83; "Delta Tau Delta, in the South," A. H. Dashiell, Jr., *B Θ*, '87; "Business Methods in Fraternity Work," J. B. Ware, *I*, '82; "The Ladies," Dr. W. A. Pitton, *A*, '84. The college and fraternity songs, rendered from advance sheets of the new song-book, proved that singing had not yet become, as many have feared, one of the lost arts and accomplishments of the Fraternity; and the hope was expressed, that with the early publication of this work, this pleasant feature of fraternity life will be renewed and perpetuated, as it never has been in the past.

The session on Friday morning was continued well on into the afternoon, and enabled the Convention to dispose of a large amount of old and new business, relating largely to matters of routine; and when the Convention adjourned, it could well be said that, while nothing was done hastily and carelessly, nothing was left undone for which the Convention was expected to provide.

The amendments to the Constitution and Laws of the Fraternity, adopted at this Convention, although somewhat numerous

and lengthy, involve on the other hand but few of the cardinal points of our organic law, and no change of a revolutionary character was made. Many of these modifications are the natural consequences of our recent experiences, under the workings of our new governmental forms, which required the addition of a few rules of procedure, and slight changes in order to adapt them to our new requirements, which experience had developed.

Legislation was adopted, which will henceforth prevent the initiation of active, and even of former members, of other Greek letter fraternities, whether they have chapters at the particular college in question, or not. This action places Delta Tau Delta on record (if indeed such action on its part is necessary at all), as distinctly opposed to the practice of "lifting,"—so common at many of our colleges, and an abominable practice,—which has done so much to cast discredit upon the fraternity system of those colleges. It is but fair and proper, therefore, that, after having assured other fraternities of its good faith toward them, in the matter of individual membership, it adopts legislation to protect its own members against the advances of other fraternities less sensitive of its honor than itself.

The much vexed question of the eligibility of preparatory students, was forever set at rest, so far at least as Delta Tau Delta is concerned, by the act of this Convention, which absolutely prohibits the further initiation of preparatory students, *i. e.*, persons who are members of classes inferior to the Freshman Class.

The mode of procedure, in the case of the necessity for the withdrawal of charters, was amended so as to ensure just and equitable methods, and prevent the hasty action liable under the former rules.

The status of the Alumni, in their relations to the general fraternity, was better defined, and in such a manner that, hereafter, there will be no misunderstanding as to the extent of the jurisdiction of the chapters, and the Council, over the Alumni, under certain contingencies.

The selection of the Division Secretaries was confined to the ranks of the undergraduates, with a view of preserving the relative representation of Alumni, and of undergraduates, in the Council of the Fraternity. The time of tenure of office of the incoming members of the Council, was more properly defined.

A slight change was made in the laws relating to the requirements for ratifying constitutional amendments; and the duties of the General Secretary, in this matter, were clearly defined.

The time for the remittance of the annual dues, and semi-annual reports, in the case of those chapters whose colleges have but two sessions per annum,—one of them occurring during those months when our other colleges are not in session,—was defined by law in such a manner as to avoid, hereafter, the difficulties experienced by the General Fraternity officers in making up their accounts.

The "Chapter Fund," for purposes of extension and internal improvement, already established by the General Treasurer of the Fraternity, under the direction of the Council, was legalized by suitable enactments. A RAINBOW Fund was created for the purpose of defraying the expenses of publication of the journal, and with a view of placing it upon a sounder financial basis than heretofore. Subscription for the same was made compulsory with all active members of the Fraternity, each chapter being made responsible for all such subscriptions. The management of the journal was entrusted to the Council, which elects both the Editor and the Business Manager;—the former has charge of the editorial work, the latter, while managing the general details of the business, is subject to the Council, dealing with the General Treasurer. All payments, on account of THE RAINBOW, are made from THE RAINBOW Fund, on the order of the Council. It is thought that this will introduce strict methods of business in the management of the journal.

The Convention endorsed the plan of the Delta Tau Delta Resort Association, which contemplates the establishment of a summer-resort for members of the Fraternity, at Bay View, near Petoskey, on Little Traverse Bay, Michigan; Rev. Washington Gardner, *M*, '70, is President; J. B. Ware, *I*, '82, Secretary; and L. W. Hoyt, *I*, '82, Treasurer. These, with E. J. Ware, *A*, '85, and Vin Swarthout, *E*, '85, constitute the Board of Directors of the Association, which has been incorporated under the laws of the State of Michigan, and has already secured a charming plot of ground for its purposes. Plans, estimates, and specifications of the cottage were exhibited at the Convention, and examined with a great deal of interest, as also were diagrams and views of the

property of the Association. While the undertaking partakes of the nature of a private enterprise, the action of the Convention endows it in a measure, at least, with official sanction, and commends it favorably, as it indeed it well deserves to be, to the attention and good will of the Fraternity. Those at present interested, hope to have the resort fully established by next summer. It will, no doubt, prove a rallying point for the large number of Deltas who annually visit the famous resort region of Northern Michigan; it will bring together, in intimate association, the members especially of our Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan Chapters, and will thus, in large measure, help to unify the men and methods of the Fraternity. Any means which accomplishes this end, deserves all possible encouragement, and this the Convention plainly intended to bestow upon it.

The Convention placed the management of the organized Alumni interests of the Fraternity, into the hands of the New York Alumni Association, whose successful career during the past year has amply demonstrated the feasibility of the plan under which it was organized, and upon which it is still conducted. The Association will co-operate with the Committee of Twelve Alumni, appointed at the Detroit Convention, all representative graduate members of the Fraternity. There is every reason to hope that under such an arrangement the present year will see the formation of a number of alumni chapters, in our larger cities at least, and generally of a marked growth of our Alumni interests.

The Chapter reports, while reflecting a general state of prosperity throughout the Fraternity, were, as a whole, hardly up to the standard, both ideal and actual; very few seemed to have been prepared carefully and deliberately, and many of them gave evidence of having been written during the pressure of the Convention. Aside from the desirability of having these Chapter reports stand, not as the expression of the opinion of a few individual delegates, but rather as that of the Chapter itself, this failure to give due weight to the importance of accurate statements is the more to be regretted, because these reports, if carefully and conscientiously prepared for publication in the minutes of the proceedings of the Convention, form a valuable addition to the current history of the Fraternity. They should throw considerable light upon the methods of work of the several chapters, detailing the best results

of the year's experience of the more successful chapters, for the benefits of those still young in fraternity work. A thorough reform in this direction is sadly needed.

The Convention particularly endorsed the plan of the Chapter Fund, by adopting a series of resolutions, commending the same to the attention of the Alumni of the Fraternity.

The Convention decided to appoint a second official jeweler to the Fraternity, at the request and solicitation of a number of individuals and Chapters, who hope to get better service, than in the past, from the competition thus assured. Messrs. D. Auld & Co., of Columbus, Ohio, were accordingly appointed jewelers to the Fraternity.

These, in general outline, are the acts of the Twenty-seventh Convention. It is not necessary to go into further detail, because we understand that the minutes of the Convention are nearly printed. We reserve for some future occasion the further discussion of several acts of the Convention.

Editorial.

THE LOUISVILLE CONVENTION.

WHILE, in some respects, not meeting our expectations, taken all in all, the Convention of 1886 was a pronounced success. The attendance, though comparatively small, comprised a large portion of the active, working element, the flower of the fraternity. Even more than at Detroit, the absence of the "silver-greys" was marked, and the Convention will live in our history as emphatically a meeting of young men. If it be true that we must take old men for counsel and young men for war, yet in one instance at least the latter clearly proved their fitness for both field and senate. Evidently the chapters, as if profoundly realizing the importance of the occasion, exercised unusual care in choosing, as delegates, their strongest men. As a result the many grave and urgent questions were discussed with a dignity, breadth and ability that demonstrated a surprising knowledge of the fraternity and her history, condition and requirements. The Convention, in all the proceedings of the three days' session, exhibited a breadth and liberality of opinion, a harmony of spirit, a unity of purpose, and a wisdom in judgment that cannot fail to exercise a vast and permanent influence on the future of Delta Tau. Of substantial value in every way, the work and results of the Convention were essentially of a legislative and constitutional character. Upon the Indianapolis constitution as a basis, with the amendments and additions at Watkins' Glen and Detroit, the legislators at Louisville created and moulded into lasting shape, what will in all probability continue to live as our permanent code of laws. Most of this business was of a secret nature, but we are at liberty to mention the adoption of a law, defining a more just and conservative method of withdrawing charters than that now in vogue; altering the title of the governing body from "The Executive Council" to "The Council;" ratifying the policy of the General Treasurer, and approving the creation of the Chapter Fund; transferring the control of THE RAINBOW to the Council; the adoption of a series of laws relative to the journal,

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one of which makes subscription from active members compulsory ; the division of the Fraternity into the Grand Divisions of the South, West, North and East ; making Newman and Auld the official jewelers ; placing the organization of Alumni Chapters in the hands of the New York Alumni Association, and the adoption of a law, to take effect January 1, 1887, forbidding, under any circumstances, the initiation of preparatory students.

THE COUNCIL.

THE opening of the present year brings several noticeable changes in the composition of the Council. Brothers Day and Plummer are retired, leaving Bro. Bruck the sole remaining member of the original body, as organized on January 1, 1884. Bro. Day, who, last year, so acceptably filled the office of President, was compelled, by pressure of private business, to decline a re-election. The new President, Washington Gardner, *M*, '70, is well known in the Fraternity, and brings to the office a skill, enthusiasm and a knowledge of affairs that will make his administration one of vigor and success. Bro. Bruck, *P*, '78, who will fill the office of General Secretary for the next three years, is one of the most widely known men of the Fraternity, and his past work for Delta Tau foreshadows that prompt, methodical and incisive performance of duties, so essential to the well being of the Fraternity. Bro. Ware, *I*, '82, was again elected General Treasurer, and his extensive reforms and valuable innovations in that office will make his present term one of still greater strength and value. Bro. Cain, *II*, '80, was a leading member of the Rainbow Fraternity, and was the founder of the Vanderbilt Chapter. Bro. Teeters, *O*, '86, was, last year, the Secretary of the Fourth Grand Division, and the affairs of his section will be carefully conducted. The Division Secretaries, Merrick, Nichols, Hatch and Flood are chosen from the staunchest material of the respective chapters, and their duties will be discharged with decision. The Council thus offers an array of strong men, and the close of the year will justify our belief that it was never more superbly organized for deliberation and action.

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FOR the first time in the life of our journal, we are able to present a letter from each chapter in the Fraternity. For this success we are largely indebted to our able corps of chapter correspondents, and if, during the year, they continue to manifest a like zeal and alacrity, their department will reach a high standard of merit, both in a literary and reportorial sense. With success in chapter reports assured, no efforts will be spared to cultivate the remaining and equally important departments. Especial pains will be exerted to make the "Alumni News" of more general interest, and the chapters are urged to assist us in this purpose. "The Greek World," in which THE RAINBOW has attained an enviable reputation, will, if possible, be made of greater interest than ever before. The Literary Department will be largely devoted to articles on the history of the Fraternity, and to the discussion of the practical questions of the day, which are intimately associated with the every day life, development, and ambitions of Delta Tau. We have been promised articles by Bros. Eversole, Mitchell, Curtis, Locke, Buchanan, Guthrie, Trautwein, Bruce, and others. Songs from our poets, Carleton, Snyder, Matthews, and Collingwood, will appear occasionally, accompanied by original music. In our next number we hope to publish an illustrated article on the "*Δ T Δ* Summer Resort," at Petosky, Mich., by Bro. L. W. Hoyt; a paper on "Our Chapter Genealogy," by the Editor; a timely discussion on "Wearing the Badge," by J. D. Watson, and other articles of general interest to the Fraternity.

Reviews.

SONGS OF PHI DELTA THETA (THIRD EDITION) is the title of a volume recently issued by its Editors, Frank D. Swope and E. H. L. Randolph. It is printed on heavy paper, and bound in blue cloth board. The typography, as a whole, is good, but the music type used was old, and give inferior results.

One is safe in saying that this edition of songs is a great improvement over the last, and, when we say this, it is hoped that no

one will consider it a compliment. There is much to commend in the work of the present Editors, especially in that they omitted a considerable portion of the former edition. But their pruning process was not carried far enough.

However, there is evidently a growing sentiment in the Fraternity which demands a display of more literary merit in their songs. This is shown in the fact that the present Editors dropped from songs of the previous editions productions of questionable literary worth, such as the following :

“ Once there was a Phi-yi-yi,
Went to see his lady-yi,
Gave he her some taffy-yi-yi,
Cunning he and sly-yi-yi.”

But that this sentiment needs careful development is shown by the appearance of the following in the present edition. There have been greater efforts of mind than is required to arrange, in this manner, words to that musical gem, “ Good Night, Ladies.”

“ Good night, ladies !
Good night, ladies !
Good night, ladies !
We're going to leave you now ! ”

CHORUS.—“ Cherish still the jolly Phis,
Jolly Phis, jolly Phis,
Cherish still the jolly Phis,
In fond memory,” etc.

Then to the air “ Bingo ” is arranged this :

“ Hail, Phi Delta Theta !
Drink it down, drink it down,
Hail, Phi Delta Theta !
Drink it down, drink it down,
Hail, Phi Delta Theta !
Than all rivals you are greater !
Drink it down, drink it down,
Drink it down, drink it down.”

The volumes contains over one hundred songs, which number might have been reduced and the book improved had many like the above been eliminated. It also contains original music to fourteen of its songs, some of them being very creditable. This latter is a movement in the right direction, and should the Fraternity persevere and continue to improve as rapidly as in the past, she will yet produce something worthy of her poet's boast :

“ Than all rivals you are greater ! ”

LAUDAMUS.

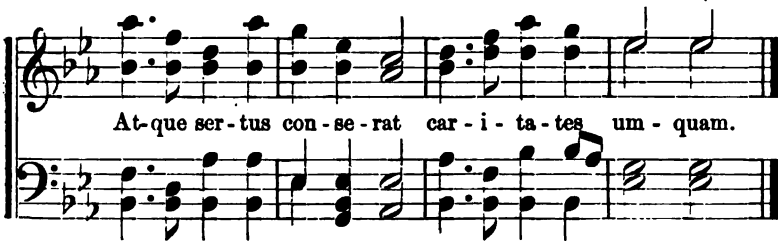
(ETA'S HYMN.)

Words by J. W. McLANE, (Zeta.)

Music by W. A. HOLCOMB, (Eta.)



1. Gem-manoe-tra can-de-at, ob-scu-ra-tur num-quam,



At-que ser-tus con-se-rat car-i-ta-tes um-quam.

CHORUS.



Del-ta Tau a-ma-mus te, tu re-gi-na pu-ra,



Ca-ra tu me-o cor-di, ca-ra, ca-ra, ca-ra.

2 Stella quaeque scintillet,
Sic omnes aequales
Inter nos, si quilibet,
Sint admitti tales.—CHORUS.

Alumni Associations.

THE NEW YORK ALUMNI.

The New York Alumni Association met for a regular meeting, the first of the present season, on Saturday, October 2, at five o'clock P. M., at Martinelli's, New York City. Like all of the meetings which the Association has heretofore held, it proved to be a most enjoyable reunion, and thus served to worthily inaugurate the series of meetings to be held during the present season. Andrew Bryson, *K*¹, '67, presided in the unavoidable absence of Rev. L. A. Crandall, *K*, '73, and there were present A. H. Roudebush, *A*, '70; William Kent, *P*, '76; A. P. Trautwein, *P*, '76; F. E. Idell, *P*, '77; L. H. Nash, *P*, '77; H. T. Bruck, *P*, '78; T. A. Bensel, *P*, '84; W. Lyall, *P*, '84; O. A. Zayas, *L*, '86, and H. R. Asserson, *T*, '86. Letters of regret at their inability to attend were read from W. W. Van Voorhis, *K*¹, '67; H. H. Hearn, *A*, '72; W. I. Cooper, *P*, '77; L. A. Mathey, *P*, '80, and H. W. Collingwood, *I*, '83.

The election of Dr. A. E. Osborne, *T*¹, '73, of Media, Pa., as a non-resident member, and of J. A. Bensel, *P*, '84, of New York City, as a resident member, was announced.

The Secretary gave an account of the proceedings of the Twenty-Seventh General Convention of the Fraternity, whose acts and legislation so largely affect the alumni and alumni associations of the Fraternity. The Association cheerfully decided to accept the duty imposed upon it by the Convention of supervising the organized alumni interests of the Fraternity; and it was decided to take immediate steps with a view of doing all that lies in its power to aid those, now interested in the foundation of alumni organizations elsewhere, with the best advice which its own experience has developed.

The Association voted unanimously in favor of the propositions embodied in the second and third circulars of the General Secretary of the Fraternity, recently issued.

After dinner, for which a very elaborate menu had been provided, the Association proceeded to the discussion, in accordance

with previous announcement, of the topic of the evening: "The Position of the Classics in the College Curriculum." Eliciting, as it did, an expression of opinion from all present, it well showed the drift of opinion on this important subject. The meeting came to a close at 10 o'clock.

The Association will meet for its second social reunion on Saturday, November 6, at five o'clock, when the subject of the after dinner talk will be as follows: "National Aid to Popular Education,"—a timely topic in view of the fact that the "Blair Bill" and its substitutes will shortly, upon the reassembling of Congress, again engage the attention of all who are interested in following the reasons which can be urged for and against these measures.

All alumni of the Fraternity who may be in New York at the time of the next meeting, are invited to meet with the Association upon that occasion, and are requested to communicate with the Secretary of the Association, A. P. Trautwein, Box 24, Station A, Brooklyn, N. Y.

THE MICHIGAN ALUMNI.

Two interesting gatherings have taken place among Michigan Deltas during the past summer—one, on July 30 and 31, at Bay View, Mich., and the other on evening of September 24, at Kalama-zoo. The first mentioned was the third annual meeting of resorting Deltas. According to arrangements made by Bro. A. W. Cannoble, on Friday evening, July 30, a boat ride on the beautiful Traverse Bay was indulged in and thoroughly enjoyed by all. After going down the bay to Charlevoix, the party landed and enjoyed the hospitality of that royal-hearted Delta, Bro. Ed. F. Parmelee, editor of the Charlevoix *Sentinel*, being, as he well states, the "Oldest paper in seventeen counties."

After spending a portion of the evening in song and music, all repaired (nearly a pun) to the boat, where a "spread" was in waiting, and an unusual assortment of meats, cakes, creams, etc., was as far as possible disposed of, and the remainder of the moonlight ride spent in music and social conversation. The Misses Reynolds greatly aided in making the evening one of pleasant memory, by their violin solos and duets.

The Deltas were :

Washington Gardner.....	M, '70...	Jackson, Mich.
Prof. H. A. Mills.....	E, '76...	Greencastle, Ind.
L. W. Hoyt.....	I, '82...	Grand Rapids, Mich.
Jos. B. Ware.....	I, '82...	Grand Rapids, Mich.
Ed. F. Parmelee.....	K, '83...	Charlevoix, Mich.
W. S. Graham.....	E, '83...	Grand Rapids, Mich.
James A. Dart.....	I, '85...	Petoskey, Mich.
Elvin Swartout.....	E, '85...	Ovid, Mich.
Ezra J. Ware.....	A, '85...	Ann Arbor, Mich.
G. G. Scranton.....	E, '86...	Sault Ste. Marie.
S. F. Master.....	E, '88...	Ionia, Mich.
Frank D. McDonnell.....	A, '88...	Bay City, Mich.
Linton B. Sutton.....	E, '88...	Cheboygan, Mich.
Arthur W. Connoble.....	E, '89...	Petoskey, Mich.

The ladies were the

Misses Reynolds, Horton, Mich.

Mrs. H. A. Mills and Miss E. N. Fallass, *A X O*, Greencastle, Ind.

Miss Belle Ware and Miss Hattie Graham, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Miss Nettie Gale and Miss Emma L. Weaver, Albion, Mich.

Miss Nellie Hankey, of Petosky ; Miss Lizzie Master, Ionia, Mich.

Miss Lillie B. More, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Miss Franc Barnes, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Miss Minnie Scranton and Virginia Lyon, Sault Ste. Marie, and Miss Minnie Faxon, Duplain, Mich.

On Saturday evening the Deltas held their meeting, at which it was arranged to form a stock company under the Laws of Michigan, to be known as the "*Delta Tau Delta Resort Association*," and to purchase some land and build a Resort Cottage for Deltas. It may be as well to state the above Association was incorporated in August, and several acres of land purchased, with fair prospects for the cottage in time to be used during summer of 1887. The Resort Association will, at some future time, explain fully its history and prospects, and name its directors and officers.

The September meeting was held during the week of the Michigan Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Kalamazoo.

Arrangements were made by Bro. C. B. Hays—residing at Kalamazoo—who seemed to recognize the weakness of our Ministerial Brothers, for the evening was spent in the "Candy Kitchen," where, besides candies of many colors, shapes and flavors, were an

abundance of ice creams, fruits and cakes. Everything in the plural a superlative!

After we had unanimously cooled our "inner man" the Secretary gave a report of the banquet held last year, the topics discussed, etc., and there then being a general wish expressed for information regarding the Resort House, that the remainder of the evening was spent in examining the plans and discussing the merits of the Resort.

It was the unanimous opinion of all present that the movement was one of value to all Deltas, especially those accustomed to spend the heated seasons in the northern portions of the state.

Applications were made for building lots, some subscribed for, and a general expression of hearty approval and stock support of the Resort Association. The following brothers were present :

Rev. A. M. Gould, *K*, '73, President of Alumni Organization.

J. B. Ware, *I*, '82, Secretary of Alumni Organization.

Rev. Washington Gardner, *M*, '70. Rev. Thos. Cox, *E*, '84.

Rev. W. A. Hunsberger, *E*, '78. Ezra J. Ware, *A*, '85.

Rev. J. C. Floyd, *A*, '76. Rev. J. C. Beach, *E*, '81.

Bart. A. Nevins, *I*, '75. George E. Breck, *I*, '78.

R. L. Griffin, *E*, '84. C. M. Kimbling, *E*, '87.

John I. Breck, *I*, '83. J. P. McCarthy, *E*, '88.

C. B. Hays, *I*, '86.

The same President and Secretary were re-elected, and Bro. McCarthy elected Treasurer, for 1887.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at the same time and place as was held the Michigan Conference for 1887. These meetings are enjoyable, instructive and of benefit to the Fraternity. Dr. J. H. Partridge, *I* prime, '69, a prominent physician of Kalamazoo, expected to be present, but professional duties prevented.

New subscriptions for THE RAINBOW and pledges to the "Chapter Fund" were made. It is largely due to these informal Delta gatherings that Michigan Deltas are so enthusiastically loyal.

The Greek World.

THE following important editorial appeared in the *New York Tribune* in June. Though published in our pages somewhat late, it will be read with interest, as illustrating the impulses which led to the Pan Hellenic meeting of '83, and as demonstrating the fact that all college fraternities are members of the same great family ; that they are slowly but surely harmonizing their differences, and that in the near future their power will be thrown as a unit in solving "the vexed questions of college life and discipline."

A movement has originated in Buffalo looking to a convention of the Greek-letter fraternities of our American colleges. It originates in the circulars which they have issued, properly speak of these societies as powerful factors in shaping the character and career of college men, and express the reasonable belief that they may become an instrument of great service in many directions, "notably in suppling a strong bond between the alumni of the colleges." Judge Tourgee, who advocates the holding of such a convention, has written a letter on the subject, in which he argues that a discussion by such a representative body of the fraternity system in its relations to college life, college discipline, civic duty, and post-graduate culture would be of substantial value.

Nothing is to be said against the proposition in question, while several considerations can be urged in its favor. In his famous Phi Beta Kappa oration, Wendell Phillips took college men severely, not to say ferociously, to task for neglecting to meet their public obligations. This failure of the educated class to make itself felt in politics is often dwelt upon, and goes far to explain why politics are not cleaner, and why statesmen of the Jaehne school are so numerous. Rascals who take an interest in public affairs merely for what they can make out of them find their opportunity in the selfish indifference to the common weal of their passively reputable fellow-citizens. A convention which resulted in inducing the members of the college fraternities to give heed to their civic duties would by no means be held in vain.

The value of such a convention in its relation to college life and discipline is obvious. It ought to be possible for the fraternities, acting as a unit, to help mightily in the formation of a healthy public sentiment among undergraduates. If, for instance, a convention made up of representatives of all the leading fraternities should take strong ground against the hazing, or some related piece of stupid and cruel tomfoolery, the chances are that the nuisance would speedily be known no more in American colleges. Undergraduates would be apt to respect the positions taken by the societies on vexed questions of college life and discipline. For they would recognize that the voice of the convention was the voice of sympathetic brethren. On the other hand the college authorities would have nothing to fear,

since the alumni controlling the convention could be counted on to take no action which was not calculated to conserve the welfare of the institutions.

And the convention would have yet another good reason for being. College authorities always like to know what college men out in the world think of college questions that happen to be uppermost for the time being—the part which the classics should play in the curriculum, the propriety of making prayers an elective, the co-education of the sexes, and the like. The convention would furnish an admirable arena for the discussion of such topics, and the college Presidents would doubtless gain many valuable hints from it.

THE Rev. Emory J. Haynes preached a sermon on the subject, "Shall I Join a Fraternity?" in Boston, recently. It was apropos of the visit of the Odd Fellows to that city, and in it he spoke strong words in favor of college secret societies of the right sort. "I pay a debt of gratitude this day," he said. "Years ago when a lad, I came from the State of Vermont and went to college, where I had the companionship of some young men who admitted me to their secret honors, and I pay honor to them. They were my friends, and they rebuked me when I did wrong, and rejoiced with me when I did well. Then they cared for me, and bent over me, and saved my life when I was sick. I have a great respect for these secret societies. I owe as much to the watchfulness and sympathy of that society as I owe to the college itself."

At its recent Commencement the Board of Trustees of the University at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, by a unanimous vote changed the name of the institution to "Bucknell University," in honor of its generous patron, Hon. Wm. Bucknell, of Philadelphia. The alumni will erect a handsome new gymnasium, and many additions will be made to the buildings and endowment. The fraternities represented are ΣX , $\Phi K \Psi$ and $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$.

DELTA TAU DELTA has done away with the custom of wearing colors when a new man is initiated. Consolidation with W. W. W. is the cause of the change.

The above has been copied in several exchanges, and has thereby assumed an unwarranted prominence. It never has been the custom of $\Delta T \Delta$ to wear her colors upon the initiation of a man. Perhaps the usage has obtained in several chapters, but if so, it was purely local, and not general.

It is said that the Senior Society of the "Ax and Coffins," modeled on the Skull and Bones, is to be revived at Columbia. The membership is limited to fifteen.

THE Convention of ΣN was held at Lexington, Ky., August 4 and 5. Thirteen chapters were present, and the meeting was a notable success. The Convention for 1887 will be held at Birmingham, Ala.

THE ΣN *Delta* is now published by the Kansas Chapter. The journals of $K A \Theta$, $\Phi K \Psi$, $\Pi B \Phi$ are also edited and published by the University of Kansas Chapters.

THE recently published song book of $A T \Omega$ is said to be a very handsome addition to fraternity literature. No copy has as yet been received by us.

$\Phi K \Psi$ it is said, is about to revive at Cornell College, Iowa, and also to establish a new chapter in Iowa College at Grinnell.

$\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ has organized at William Jewell College, Missouri, the chapter formerly being a part of the $Z \Phi$ Society.

The recent ΣX Convention at Columbus emphatically repudiated schemes for further Eastern extension.

ΣX has withdrawn from Hillsdale, and established at Tulane, University of California, and Albion college.

THE $X T$ local society at Adelbert has become a chapter of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$.

$B \Theta \Pi$ is said to be organizing at the University of Colorado.

THE *Beta Theta Pi* will be published as a quarterly this year.

$Z \Psi$ established a chapter at Brown in the spring of '86.

$\Theta \Delta \Psi$ at Lafayette has shuffled off this mortal coil.

$\Phi K \Sigma$ at Lehigh consists of one man, a senior.

Chapter Letters.

Tau—Franklin and Marshall.

NO CHAPTER of our fraternity can realize with what pleasure and pride we now send this, our first letter to THE RAINBOW for publication. Pleasure, we say, because we are again associated with the destinies of our fraternity; pride, that we can make it known through such a medium as our paper. During the period of our separation from the fraternity—let us say, separation only in the sense of active participation in its affairs,—we noted the great improvement THE RAINBOW was assuming, not only in its appearance, but in the publication of such articles as best showed the enthusiasm which pervades the fraternity. This enthusiasm created in our boys could be fostered only by means of our paper, and a few, appreciating that fact, used their influence, and succeeded in having all the old members of Tau subscribe for THE RAINBOW. Thus we have been preserved as a chapter to our fraternity by which we hope to be benefited, and which, in turn, to benefit. While the unity of our boys had some effect in preserving our standing in college, yet other influences more persuading and potent came into play, of which principally was the interest shown by our alumni and members of other chapters. Not only did they use their influence at home in our behalf, but we received many visits from them, showing to the college men that there were still those who would champion our cause. Thus we have preserved to ourselves two men who shared at once our anxieties and misfortunes. To the enthusiasm and the fact that our chapter had not depreciated, we joined hard work, without which we would have had but five members.

Theta—Bethany.

THETA, the mother chapter of Delta Tau Delta, begins work this year with five (5) active members. In the class of '86 Theta graduated seven members, among whom were the orator, poet, and valedictorian, as well as first and second honor men of classical course and first honor man of scientific course. Her members this year are Sumner T. Martin, '86; Sherman Kirk, '88; James A. Hopkins, '89; Elmer S. Muckley, '89; and James A. Rice, '89.

They are all inspired with the usual enthusiasm of Delts, and are bent on the promotion of the good of their fraternity. Theta's only rival is $B \Theta \Pi$ which about equals her in number. Oscar Schmiedel, member of class of '86, is now professor of mathematics in Bethany College. Theta's boys have a fine hall in which to hold their meetings, and are always glad to welcome any of their brothers to the same.

Rho—Stevens.

THE college opened this year on the 22d of September, our first chapter meeting being held soon after. We have met with our usual success in initiating good fraternity men, and we are now able to introduce Bro. Hiller, '89; Bro. Whitney, '90, and Bro. Torrance, '90. The class of '90, by the way, is not only large, but is also an example of the survival of the fittest, since out of nearly one hundred applicants only sixty were admitted to the Institute,—the classrooms not being of sufficient size to accommodate a larger number. Stevens has never been in a better condition than it is at the present time. All the available space in the workshops, and laboratories is fully occupied. The Faculty consists of eleven professors and two instructors, who kindly unite in providing the students with all the work their hearts could wish for. The course in surveying has been transferred from the Senior to the Freshman year; "thus," as a recent article in the New York *Evening Post* aptly expressed it, "giving to the Freshmen a means of instruction at once interesting, pleasant, and healthful." The chief topic of conversation just now is the unveiling of the Bartholdi statue, October 28, on which occasion the Institute men will no doubt take a prominent part. When the Pedestal Fund was being raised we subscribed a sufficient amount to place in position a stone on which was cut the name of the college. For this act of patriotism we have been assigned a place in the grand parade. Rho has been well represented in the recent Athletic Association, and Class Elections. Bro. Bayles is Vice-President, and Bro. L. W. Anderson, Secretary, of the former; Bro. Bayles is also serving in his third year as President of '87. Bro. Hoxie has been elected President of '89 for the second time, and Bro. Hiller is Secretary of the same class. Bro. Torrance is Treasurer of '90. At the June meeting of the Alumni Association Bro. Geo. M. Bond, '80, was elected Presi-

dent, to succeed Bro. A. C. Humphreys, '81. The fraternities have been exceedingly active this year, and we have serious fears that Chi Psi will initiate the entire college, including the janitor and his assistants. Our chapter library, started about two years ago, is rapidly increasing in size. We have recently been presented with a full set of the works of Henry George, now a candidate for Mayor of New York, and we have also a large number of scientific and engineering treatises, together with several works relating to law and political economy, as well as a moderate amount of fiction. If a suggestion is not out of place here, we would like to remark that of all the means which a chapter has at its disposal for the pleasure and the improvement of its members, the formation of a library is the most valuable. It is not, perhaps, very quickly, or very easily, done; but if each chapter were to make an earnest attempt, the fraternity would soon possess no mean collection of books, which would aid, too, in giving greater prominence to the literary characteristics of Delta Tau.

Eta—Buchtel.

AN influx of several very fine men has inspired much animation in fraternity circles at Buchtel, and the respective merits of the different fraternities have been obtruded upon the minds of the "Fresh," with a vigor quite out of the usual line of fraternity rushing. In fact all fraternities have been considerably reduced in numbers, and the one who got the largest amount of cream would take the lead. Of the acknowledged best three of the class of '90, Eta secured two, and it is with great pleasure she introduces Bros. Vernon Andrew and Frank G. Wieland. On the 22d inst. we initiated our two pledged men, Bros. Frank W. Hugill and Allen Fell. This swells our number to ten active, energetic men, and keeps $\Delta T \Delta$ unquestionably in the lead at Buchtel. Our rivals, however, are not weak, and it is not yet time for us to rest on our oars, and say the race is won. The national convention, of *KKI*, was held at Akron, last August, under the auspices of Lambda Chapter, of Buchtel. Eta threw open the doors of her spacious hall, and extended her hospitality to the convention. The offer was gratefully accepted. Bro. Will Carleton lectured here on the evening of the 25th, and at the close of the lecture was tendered a reception by Eta, at the home of Bro. C. S. Bock, '85. We enjoyed a very pleas-

ant time with the poet, and found him a very enthusiastic Delta. Many of our Alumni were with us, and aided in the enjoyment of the evening. Eta has had the pleasure of entertaining several visiting Deltas this fall. Bro. Cherryholmes, of Theta, stopped with us a few days on his way to Ann Arbor. Bro. James Ford, '86, gave us a short visit the first of the month. Bro. H. L. Canfield, an old Eta boy, was with us several days during the National Convention of Universalists in this city. Bro. Canfield is preaching in Stryker, O. Bro. N. A. Stall, '82, has been with us the past week, and thinks of returning to Akron. Bro. Rothrock, '86, is city solicitor of the *Sunday Gazette*, this city. Bro. Grandin, of '85, gave us a call the 29th inst. He is in his father's bank, at Tidioute, Pa. Bro. C. N. Thomas, '88, did not return to Buchtel this fall; he is taking a business course at Poughkeepsie. Bro. George Sieber, an Eta boy, is running for City Solicitor. It is with much sorrow that we announce the death of Bro. W. E. Hugill, July 12. Bro. Hugill entered Cornell in the fall of '85, was elected poet of his class, and graduated from there with honors, last June. He had been home but a few days when taken with a disease to which he soon succumbed. He was about to go South to superintend the construction of a large bridge, in Georgia, for which his father was contractor. Bro. Hugill was one of our best workers, and we sincerely mourn his death.

Sigma—Columbia.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE being one of the last of our collegiate institutions to open its doors after a summer's vacation, it is necessary that Sigma should be about the last chapter of our fraternity to resume her duties. Our prospects for the coming year are bright. By the graduation of the class of '86, we lost two active and energetic workers. We are sorry to announce that sickness has taken from us our much-esteemed brother, James A. Moorcroft, formerly of Omicron, and who is at present situated at Denver, Colo., for the benefit of his health. Any attention shown to him by our brothers in the Colorado University will be deemed a favor and considered as such. This year Sigma starts out with five active and enthusiastic members. By the combined efforts of all we are in hopes of building up a chapter of which both the fraternity and ourselves will not be ashamed. Our prospects for men from the

Freshman class is extremely promising, although the class is not as large as usual. Our motto being "slow and sure" we have not as yet initiated any men out of it, but hope to do so ere long. Sigma has a comfortable home in the vicinity of college, *i. e.*, 135 E. Fifty-eighth street, at which address we would be pleased to welcome all straying Deltas who might happen that way. If the holding of offices is to be considered as an honor we are not destitute. Bros. Burns and Marsh are President and Vice-President, respectively, of both the class of '87, S. of M., and of the Engineering Society. Our next letter will be of a more interesting nature, for by that time the college, as well as the chapter's working year, will have been somewhat advanced, thus enabling the S. A. to gain such news as may prove of a readable character.

Phi—Hanover.

PHI sends greeting to all her sister chapters. The opening of the term found three Deltas back to "fight the good fight," and earnest in their endeavors to persuade others to "flee the wrath to come" and seek safety under the "Purple and Grey." Bro. Lopp, formerly of '87, returned this year and entered Junior class. So Chapter Φ consists of three Juniors at present, against two Sophs last year. Some good men have entered college this year in the Freshman class, but as most all were pledged to other frats before coming, we did not get our quota of them. But we will have our share of the Preps who will become Freshmen next year. As we believe the vitality of any chapter depends *only* upon the standard of the members enrolled, we think it imperative to choose only the best, and unhesitatingly exclude all those who would tend to lower the dignity and good standing of the chapter. During the last one or two years Fraternity work has not been as active as during times previous to that. Comparatively few initiations have taken place in all the frats. The active membership of the different frats here at present is as follows: ΣX , 8; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 10; $B \Theta \Pi$, 9; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, 11; $\Delta T \Delta$, 3. But before many days have elapsed we think the condition of several of the frats will be materially changed. The $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ have fixed up a handsome hall over Mr. Rankin's store, and have therein a piano and several other things tending to lend the charm of home-comfort. The other frats will have their same places of meeting, and I suppose there will be no change until

chapter houses come in vogue here, as I hope they will soon. College opened with an increased attendance and almost the first week a very handsome present was bestowed upon the college. Rev. James A. McKee, D. D., member of class of '37, of Cairo, Georgia, gave \$10,000 as half endowment of a new chair to be called the "McKee Professorship of Ethics and Christian Evidences." Base-ball and foot-ball have received an impetus never beheld before. Hanover will enter the foot-ball contest for gold medal and championship of Indiana, and is booked for the 30th of October, for her first game. Our base-ball club have beaten everything they have yet "tackled," except in one game, and then they were beaten by a score of 11 to 10. A military company is contemplated being organized in the near future, and then we can boast of the "*brave boys in blue*"; *i. e.*, if they are not called out for duty.

Omicron—University of Iowa.

ELEVEN active members, together with Fred Pomeroy of '85, and now in the Law, crowded around the Delta banner eager to carry it forward into the contests which invariably take place in the beginning of every school-year. The largest class of Freshmen (100 in number) entered this year, and the fraternity war began at once. Omicron is doubly vigorous and enthusiastic this year, as by the action of the late convention she retained the honors of Grand Chapter, honors she so dearly prizes, and once more an opportunity is given her to discharge the duties she has in the past so gladly and punctually fulfilled. Besides this, Omicron is greatly pleased to learn of the election of John L. Teeters to a place in the Executive Council, a place which he is well fitted to fill. Believing, however, Omicron's gratitude for the honors conferred can better be shown by deed than sounding phrase, she presents to the Delta fraternity two young men whose good judgment has been demonstrated by the fact of their preferring to enter the Greek world through the substantial and elaborate gates of Delta Tau Delta,—Theodore Boal, son of one of the most distinguished lawyers Iowa boasts of, Hon. J. G. Boal, is the one; while Charles Hepburn, son of Congressman Hepburn, is the other. Their acquisition registers a stinging defeat for our rival fraternities. Besides the two mentioned our prospects for new additions are very promising. The Beta Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Psi, the Phi Delta Theta, with two initia-

tions each ; while the Sigma Chi, with three new members, comprises our rivals' increase in number. Were numbers the criterion, the gain would seem to be equal throughout. But as the desirableness of new initiates can be judged only by the contest waged for them, Omicron's new men are the only ones, save with one exception, whose worth was attested by the severe struggle encountered. Omicron is anxiously awaiting the publication of the minutes of the late convention, so that she might more clearly understand some of the radical reforms entered upon at Louisville, Ky. She heartily approves of the tenor of the report of Committee on Chapters and Charters, fully believing that by making strong the weak chapters, and then entering upon a vigorous extension policy is the best and safest way to success.

Beta Delta—University of Georgia.

THE University opened on October 6, with a large number of new students, among them were much excellent material for the Greeks. *B Δ* has been so fortunate as to obtain four of the number,—Bros. A. C. Wilcoxon, J. A. Parks, Edwin Stewart and A. M. Hartsfield. We now have ten active members who are ever ready to advance the cause of Deltaism. We will probably take off our share of the college honors this term. Six of our men graduated this summer; one of them, Bro. A. L. Franklin, has returned to take a post-graduate course, and we are truly glad to have him with us. One addition has been made to the Faculty. Dr. Jones, of Atlanta, has been elected to the chair of Natural History. He is a specialist in that department of knowledge, and is in every way a competent instructor. The state will soon have a Technological School. If it is located at Athens it will greatly increase the number of students at the University. Our alumni of '86 have obtained lucrative and honorable positions. They are all excellent and deserving men, and will be an honor to *Δ T Δ* wherever they go.

Beta—Ohio University.

BETA is at present in a better condition than it has been for a long time at the beginning of a college year. We graduated two last year,—Bros. White and Kirkendall. Also Bro. Hunter has staid out to teach. But we have pledged three other good men,

the best who are not already Greeks, and they will be initiated in the near future. By the spring term of this year we are confident that Beta will be in excellent condition. Our other fraternities are doing well, but as the record clearly shows, are not keeping up with Delta Taus. We take the highest grades each term, and our two Deltas took the highest grade at the annual contest last June, although they were opposed by the best men from the other fraternities. A brother Delta has delivered the Master's oration annually for the last six years, and during the last twenty years we have graduated nearly 50 per cent. of the whole number of graduates. The Ohio University has a better equipped faculty than it ever had before, and more students than it has had since 1866. With this condition of things Beta will more than maintain its standing.

Beta Epsilon—Emory.

As college opened on October 13, at the present writing we are not prepared to make any precise and detailed statement concerning the college or chapter. The number of students has slightly fallen off, but the quality, if anything, is better than ever before, and the outlook for a year of solid work is very promising. We opened the year with nine old men and were strengthened by the initiation of Bro. J. L. Brown of Social Circle, Ga. As the year is early yet, we confidently expect a number of last year's chapter to join us in our work. We expect to hold our own with our numerous rivals during the year, and will gain our share of the honors the college bestows on her most deserving sons.

Psi—Wooster.

OUR University opened on the fifteenth day of September. About one hundred and twenty new students have matriculated. The University has never been in a more prosperous condition. The course of studies is being gradually extended, and thus the usefulness of the institution increased. Our Delta boys here have been mindful of their best interests, and have all returned to college. Psi chapter opened this term with thirteen good men. Let us introduce to you our new initiate, Bro. W. W. Hartman, of Wooster, Ohio. We number now fourteen. Their classification is, one Senior, three Juniors, seven Sophomores and three Fresh-

men. Our future strength is almost assured from the fact that most of our boys are in the lower classes. Among the new students who entered the University this term, there were few good fraternity men. Our chapter graduated five good men last year, five loyal Deltas. They are now located as follows: Bro. Allan Krichbaum is teaching in Newberry, Mich.; Bro. Shallenberger is reading law in Wooster; Bro. Bowman is at the Theological Seminary, Allegheny, Pa.; Bro. McMillan is at the Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J.; Bro. Crabbe is teaching in the Shady Side Academy, Pittsburg, Pa. Bro. John Waddell, who graduated at Princeton this year, is teaching in the Shady Side Academy. Also Bro. J. C. Sharpe, Psi, '83, is teaching in the same Academy. Bro. Walter Rockey, who was with us last year, is now in business at 497 Tenth Avenue, New York. Bro. C. O. Johnson, Psi, '83, is reading law in New York.

Mu—Ohio Wesleyan.

THE Ohio Wesleyan University opened this year with a larger influx of new students than has ever been known before in her history. Consequently our six fraternities have had ample material from which to elect the men respectively suited to them. Mu began operations this year with eleven men, distributed thus in classes: Seniors, 3; Juniors, 4; Sophomores, 3; Freshmen, 1. So that although there is an abundant crop of new students, Mu has felt justified in pursuing her usual conservative course on men, waiting patiently until time shall have pointed out to us men of the highest ability. This policy we have found to be the wisest, and we earnestly recommend a like *modus operandi* to other chapters. All the fraternities here began with respectable numbers, and all have had opportunity to air their colors once and some have worn the ribbons twice. Mu has already had the great pleasure of flaunting the purple and grey once. As a result we desire to introduce to Delta Tau at large, Bro. Ben. U. Rannels, '89, a man whom we won from the hands of other Greeks and who brings to us no little honor. Bro. H. P. Brownell, '90, was initiated by us last commencement season, and as he has never had a formal introduction to the general fraternity, we present him as another addition of whom we are justly proud. We note with pleasure among the fraternity men here a general feeling of respect and friendship for

one another. The members of Mu will not be at all slow to return all friendly advances from other fraternities. Our cause is a common one, and we should discover in our hearts, in addition to our special fraternal feelings, a general friendship for all other Greeks. Mu anticipating a successful year and a grand wind-up in the Columbus Convention wishes the same for all the other chapters of Delta Tau Delta.

Gamma—Washington and Jefferson.

GAMMA opens the year with but six men, our ranks being reduced by the loss of five brothers through sickness and graduation. Several good men will, however, be enrolled soon, and the chapter placed on its old time substantial footing. The remaining five fraternities are in good shape for the year's work. In the elections for the college annual, *The Pandora*, Bro. Ross, the only Delta in the class, was chosen to fill one of the highest offices. In the Senior class, Bro. Garrison was elected Master of Ceremonies, and Bro. Alexander, Historian on Class Day. Prof. Schmitz, formerly of Wooster, occupies the chair of Modern Languages during the absence of Prof. Simonton in Europe.

Nu—Lafayette.

A LONG and pleasant vacation has drawn to a close, and one which Nu will not soon forget, for the boys have met more brother Deltas this summer than ever before, and in that way have become better acquainted with the boys of other chapters. The year opens with the brightest prospects in every way. A thoroughly renovated chapter room awaited our return, and so pleased were we with the look of things that we decided to further add to the appearance of our new rooms by the purchase of a set of new chairs, the gift of Bro. Craven. The number of new men is above last year's number and contains some very promising men. The fraternities have been very quick this year to take in new men. This, I suppose, is partly owing to the good material in '90, and also to the low ebb which some of the frats had reached. A few changes have been made about the college,—the most important being the lighting of M'Keen Hall (one of the dormitories) with gas. It becomes our duty to number one of our old friends, Theta Delta Chi, as one of the chapters of the past. After a hard fight she has at

length given up her existence at Lafayette. Phi Kappa Psi have given up their old quarters on the square for the rooms left vacant by Theta Delta Chi. Bro. Trautwein saw some of the boys as he passed through here a short time ago. It is with much pleasure that I present to the Delta world the names of Bros. Gray, '89, of Easton, Pa.; English, '90, of Elizabeth, N. J., both brothers of Deltas; also Swindell, '90, of Alleghany, Pa., and Gallaher, '90, of Moundsville, W. Va.

Beta Kappa—University of Colorado.

THE University of Colorado begins its tenth year with an encouraging attendance and the prospect of a profitable year. The place of Bro. P. H. Hanus, *A*, '78, late Professor of Mathematics, is now filled by W. W. Campbell, University of Michigan, '86, who is very well liked. Bros. Mason, Sternberg, Blake, Chase and Thompson made their appearance at the opening of school, and Bro. Pierce returned September 29. We take great pleasure in introducing to the Delta world Bro. R. H. Whiteley, Jr., our latest, and probably for this year our only, initiate. He is taking a post-graduate course here and will add to the enthusiasm and influence of the chapter. Shortly after commencement last summer the Delta Gammas organized a chapter here, initiating eight or ten young ladies. They have fitted up a room in the basement of the University building, while the *II B Φ*'s, formerly known as the I. C.'s, occupy a very pleasant room in the third story. All we want now in order to have things lively is another male fraternity. Our interest in the fraternity and all that pertains to it is greater than ever, and any reader of THE RAINBOW who may come to this western country for the health, either of his body or his pocket-book, may be sure of a hearty welcome in the Beta Kappa.

Delta—University of Michigan.

CHAPTER DELTA commences the work of another year with renewed energy, inspired by the confidence the fraternity has again shown her by selecting her as grand chapter, and stimulated by the responsibility resting on her to be even more than before a fitting representative of our fraternity. We commenced this year's work under unusually difficult circumstances. Of our last year's chapter of seventeen we lost seven by graduation and two by leaving

college. In spite of this, however, our prospects are most encouraging. Bro. Ezra J. Ware is with us again, and his wise experience and thorough knowledge of fraternity matters will be of great service to us. Bro. James G. Hays, who graduated last year, has unexpectedly returned to enter the Law Department. Bro. C. C. Cheryholmes, of Θ , has entered the Dental Department, and has been elected to membership in our chapter. Two new men, Bro. N. S. McArthur, of Cheboygan, and Bro. John Kempf, of Ann Arbor, have already been initiated, and we are expecting more soon. Bros. Pitts, '85, and Coburn, '88, were with us a few days to assist in beginning the college year. The Freshman class this year is a very promising one, both as to quality and quantity. It contains much excellent material, and as it is early yet, the good men have by no means all been taken by the fraternities. Already 312 new students have entered the Literary Department, and there will possibly be at least fifteen or twenty more before the work has fairly commenced. The whole number of students in the University is likely to exceed fifteen hundred. It is a year of unprecedented prosperity for the University, and we expect it to be for the fraternity also. On account of the great number of fraternities here it is a difficult matter to keep a chapter up to the high standard naturally expected of one located in such an institution, but having been more or less successful in the past, by hard work we hope to approach more nearly our ideal.

Zeta—Adelbert.

DESPITE the prophecies made last year and the year before by our rivals that $\Delta T \Delta$ at Adelbert would die with the graduation of the class of '86, Zeta still lives. Our victories over them last fall was but an eye-opener when we took two of their choice from them; and when it was repeated this year without the aid of those who left us last June, it certainly must give them the pointer that we are founded not upon a sandy spot, but that we are here to stay; so it is that Zeta has now passed her crisis. Greatly do we feel, however, the loss of our three Seniors, Waite, Pettibone and Arter; yet their places are filled by the same number of Freshmen, two being already initiated and another wearing the colors: therefore, let us introduce to you Bros. R. E. Ruedy and C. L. Reason. Our chances for two others are equal to those of our rivals, and although

we now number seven, which is a good-sized chapter for Adelbert, we hope to increase the list before another issue of THE RAINBOW. A Freshman class of twenty-eight entered this fall, there being, however, eight of these, "co-eds." From the desirable fraternity men $\Delta K E$ has taken two, $\Delta \Delta \Phi$ three, ΔT three and $B \Theta \Pi$ six—the last being somewhat questionable as regards eligibility to other fraternities represented here. Finding that five miles to the city was altogether too far from the college to have our chapter hall, we have rented a suite of rooms but a short distance from the buildings, and by the generous aid of the fraternity and our alumni, have furnished them in a way that would do proud to any chapter at Adelbert. Our meetings there are weekly. What better encouragement can a chapter receive than the personal advice and good word of the officers and active workers of the fraternity. Zeta at least recognizes this, and looks to the time when more of our *active* alumni will take it upon themselves to visit the chapter, as did the Ware brothers, while passing through the city a short time since. It is just what a chapter needs, and is worth a score of letters to her. Owing to the late appearance of our publication last year, we were unable to send copies to all of those with whom we are accustomed to exchange, and in consequence have received but one or two. We are now prepared, however, to fill all orders.

Lambda—Vanderbilt.

ALTHOUGH the term of 1886 witnessed the enrollment of the Rainbow under the banner of purple and grey, the semi-chaotic state of affairs which necessarily ensued was such that the new strongholds of $\Delta T \Delta$ could not be expected to present a firm and unbroken line of strong chapters to the fraternity at large. Having always worked under the disadvantage of the parent chapter system, and having no journal, our knowledge of each other was in most cases vague and indefinite, and hearty, intelligent co-operation in our new work was a matter of impossibility. For these reasons we ask the indulgence of the fraternity for our past sins of omission or commission, but for our past sins alone. We feel that, by the fruits of this year's labor, the wisdom of the step taken by $\Delta T \Delta$ will be tested, and we are willing to stand the test. Lambda, in particular, is fully conscious of the great responsibility which

rests upon her, and no exertion will be spared to place the Southern Division upon the high plane already attained by our fraternity in the North, East and West. It is a source of deep regret to us that we were not represented at Louisville. We were ignorant of the date and place of the convention until after the close of our college year; letters addressed to our delegates failed to reach their destination, and fate itself seemed resolved to frustrate our satisfaction at the successful event of the long work of consolidation, and assure them of our sincere and devoted fealty to $\Delta T \Delta$. We fear that many of the fraters construed this unfortunate occurrence as the outcome of willful negligence on our part, but if their minds are not disabused of that impression by this year's work in the Southern Division, they will be convinced of their error by the enthusiastic band of loyal brothers who will march northward to our next convention, to do homage to our Delta Queen. The new year opens at Vanderbilt with fair indications for Lambda's success. We have initiated one man so far—Bro. David Jennings, Law, '88, of Nashville, Tenn. He is the brother of one of our oldest alumni, Bro. Robert Jennings, at present in the Civil Service at Washington, D. C., and this fact makes him doubly welcome among us. Another strong addition to our chapter roll is Bro. Ernest Merrick, formerly of Alpha. His aid to us has been and is almost invaluable. His long experience in the fraternity, and his thorough knowledge of its workings, have assisted us materially, and without him it would have been long before the affairs of Lambda would have fallen into the steady and business-like groove in which they are now working. At present we number seven men, and though this is fewer than we generally start with, they are men of such a character that success is assured, and we are confident that our size will be nearly doubled by next spring. Our men all stand high in their respective classes, and at the annual meeting of the Athletic Association the elections gave proof of our ability in that line of work. Bro. F. B. Fogg, as Captain of the Field Sports, and Bro. E. L. Aroni, as Captain of the University Foot-Ball Team, received the unanimous vote of the Association for their positions, and as we have only three Delta members we think that we have at least our share of the athletic honors. Bro. Dashiell, of $B \Theta$, was with us two days recently and gave good accounts of our Sewanee chapter. We enjoyed his visit exceedingly,

and extend a hearty welcome, at any and all times, to him and our other brethren of Beta Theta. So with bright hopes for the future and hearty greetings to all our brethren, far and near, Lambda enters upon her first year of $\Delta T \Delta$ existence at Vanderbilt.

Kappa—Hillsdale.

KAPPA opens this fall with her full crew on deck. Our older *adelphei* are now in school, and with their experience strengthened with the enthusiasm of our later fraters, we are rallying under the banner of Unity. Our number is a dozen. The opportunities for increasing are many; but we choose to be conservative in the matter of additions. This has always been our plan, and it is to a judicious exercise of it that we owe our present good name in the college. The $\Phi \Delta \Theta$'s are in about the same condition as last year. The ΣX 's have been deprived of their charter since our last letter. For a few weeks we have spent a portion of our time in extemporaneous debating and speaking. The results are gratifying. Hon. G. F. Mosher, the new President, is liked by all. With about four hundred students, three Delta professors, and no obstacles to overcome, we see no reason to falter.

Beta Zeta—Butler.

WE were an even dozen at the beginning of the term, but Bro. Le Miller returning, made our number thirteen,—an unlucky number,—so we had an initiation to make our number even, you know. We have, therefore, to introduce to the brethren, Bro. Charles M. Fillmore, whom we persuaded to forego the pleasures of sin for a while, and become a royal, loyal Delt. Bro. Fillmore is a member of the well-known family of Fillmore, of Cincinnati. He has organized a choral class here, and now the music promises to be placed on a firm footing. Though it seemed at the first part of the term as if none of the fraternities were busy, later developments have shown facts to have been otherwise. The initiations have been as follows: ΣX , 3; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 2; $\Delta T \Delta$, 1; $K K \Gamma$, 2; making the total for the Sigs, 10; for the Phis, 15; for the Deltas, 14; for the Kappas, 9. We have several good men in view whom we think we shall have the pleasure of introducing to the Fraternity by the time of our next letter. Very little strife has been manifested by the various frats so far this term.

The bulldozing, fighting, and various other forms of intimidation which used to be so often resorted to, have been boycotted, so that now the fraternities have become important factors in maintaining the peace of the college. The new year has begun quite prosperously for the University. The attendance is, we believe, larger than ever before at this period in the term ; and the prospects are that more will be in by the last of the term. Finances are better than for several years. The influence of our new President, A. R. Benton, formerly Professor of Mental Science, Church History and Homiletics, can be seen in the greater cordiality existing between the students. He has offered the Junior class prizes for oratory, the contest to take place next term. Similar prizes have been offered the Sophs by some of the Board, the contest to take place the latter end of this term. Bro. Stone, '84, called on us at our first meeting this term and enlivened us by the recital of some of his college pranks. We were sorry that *B Z* was not better represented at the convention, but the majority of our boys were so situated that they could not go. Bro. Gans brought back glowing reports which enthused us very much. The resolution not to admit Preps was, we think, a good one.

Omega—Iowa State College.

WHILE with most chapters this season of the year sees the beginning of a new college year, with us it is the close. We complete our school year November 11. In the retrospection of the past year Omega's boys derive much satisfaction. The first of this term saw us fairly established in our new quarters which are nicely furnished, and will, in all human probability, be a "joy forever" to Omega. The possibility of ever again being outlawed is little, as we have steadily gained and are still gaining strength with the Faculty. The institution welcomed a new executive this term in the person of Hon. W. I. Chamberlain of Ohio. If not favorably disposed toward college fraternities he is at least neutral. As a consequence of favorable auspices mentioned, this term has seen new life and vigor infused into chapter work, and uniform success has marked all our literary and social undertakings. Omega will be well represented on the oratorical contest (which occurs in a few weeks) in persons of Bros. J. E. Durkee, winner of last year's contest, and C. F. Curtiss. No less than five *A* boys out of the twelve

contestants were on originally, but of these Bros. Andrews and Corbett have left school, and Yates resigned on account of pressure of other work. Omega has welcomed two new brothers this term in persons of N. Spencer and F. L. Dobbin, both of '88, and representative men whom we take great pleasure in introducing to our fraternal world. We suffer a great loss, however, in Bro. F. M. Andrews who goes to Cornell. A number of visiting alumni have been welcomed this term. Among them were Bros. C. B. Martin, of Cedar Rapids; C. H. Lee, Des Moines, Iowa; and E. A. McDonald, of Omaha, Neb. Bro. Teeters, of the Executive Council, and Bro. Rawson, passed a Sunday with us a few weeks since.

Xi—Simpson.

EIGHT actives returned to resume their work; among whom are Bros. A. S. Bussell, W. S. Kelly and E. P. Wright, who have remained out for a time. Bros. Murphy, '87, and Franklin, '89, are teaching; and Meech, '88, and Osborne, '89, will join us later in the year. Our policy of late years has been to maintain a moderately small chapter of select men, and at no time has our active force exceeded ten in number. So, in selecting our small quota of new members, we feel justified in using extreme care. Thus far we have brought one neophyte to the shrine, W. D. Trimble, '88, whom we proudly introduce to the fraternity. A larger number of new students than usual have entered, the attendance exceeding that of any previous term in the history of the college. The authorities are using great care in the choice of a new president to fill the place vacated last spring by the resignation of President E. L. Parks. Encouraging financial assistance recently received also guarantees the erection soon of more commodious buildings. In the bestowment of college honors we have received our usual distinction. Bro. E. P. Wright presides over the Philomathean Society. N. B. Ashby, '85, is alumnaal editor of the *Simpsonian*; W. D. Trimble, business manager; and S. L. Van Scoy, associate editor. Bros. Bussell, Harbison, Kelly, Trimble and Wright are members of the college nine. The annual convention of the Pi Beta Phi (better known as the I. C.) Sorosis will convene in our Chapter Hall in the Buxton Block, on the 19th inst., under the auspices of the Lambda Chapter, at Simpson. I. S. Smith, ex-'85, of Fairplay, Colo., was recently married to Miss Mae Waggoner, of Pueblo, Colo. Bro.

E. W. Oneal, '85, is taking a theological course at Garrett Biblical Institute. Bro. C. W. Johnson, '85, is continuing his course at Rush Medical College.

Pi—University of Mississippi.

THE college opened September 30, with 150 students, including a half dozen ladies. Nearly half of the attendants are new comers, and a large part of the available material has already been appropriated by the various fraternities. During vacation the college dormitories were renovated and improved, much to the delight of the inhabitants thereof. At the last annual meeting the Trustees relieved five of the professors, but at a later meeting they were reinstated, and are now actively fulfilling their duties. The office of chancellor is vacant, the position being now temporarily held by the professor of law. Pi opened the year with eight men, four Juniors, three Sophs and one Freshman; and we have since initiated four, one Soph, two Freshmen and a sub-Freshman. We can truly claim that the chapter is in good condition. The coming session promises to be a bright one for chapter Pi. All her men are heartily interested in the fraternity work, and are determined to do all in their power to further the interests of Delta Tau Delta, and especially to see that chapter Pi does not lower her standard.

Beta Eta—University of Minnesota.

EVERYTHING is prosperous with us here at the University of Minnesota. The year starts in with over two hundred new students, and one or two additions to the Faculty. A new building also has been added to the campus—a fine brick structure for the mechanical and engineering departments. Another building for the exclusive use of the natural sciences, is to be shortly in the course of construction. The prospects of Beta Eta for the ensuing year, though not perhaps brilliant, may be said to be promising. Our members are somewhat slow in arriving upon the field, several being still absent upon the work of the summer vacation. One addition, however, has already been made to our number this year, in spite of the shortness of time allowed, and fewness of workers present. The collegiate positions which Beta Eta fraters will hold for the year are, as thus far determined,—Managing Editor of the College Journal, President of the Junior class, and President of the State Oratorical As-

sociation. Last spring closed a year of fair, but substantial success for Beta Eta. It was not a year of great increase in membership, but of good work done by those already members. We held two editorial positions on the *Ariel*, were Manager of the Base Ball Club, and President of the Home Oratorical Association. Two presidents of the leading literary society were Beta Etas. Our representative obtained first place on the home oratorical contest, and second place on the State contest; while both the valedictorian and orator of the graduating class were $\Delta T \Delta$'s. Commencement week lost us two able men by graduation, J. W. Bennett and W. F. Webster, but gained us three other good men by initiation. The names of the three new members are B. Bierbauer, of the Junior class, C. C. Rollit, Specialist, and K. C. Babcock, of the Sophomores. The enormous development of this swift-rising metropolis of the Northwest, has been drawing together here, besides great wealth and great works, a large number of $\Delta T \Delta$ alumni, of whom we are justly proud. We will devote a letter to them in the near future.

Beta Theta—University of the South.

BETA THETA sends greetings and kind wishes to all fraters in the Delta world. To all but ourselves this is, perhaps, the beginning of another college year. We have two new brothers to introduce to the Fraternity,—Bro. H. H. Graham, Tennessee, and Bro. M. C. Roberts, Texas. We have now fifteen good, enthusiastic men. Bro. Louis Butt left a few days ago to engage in business at Augusta, Ga. Our commencement in August brought to Beta Theta her share of honors. For the second time Bro. Crocket, in a contest for the best essayist between the two literary societies, won the Brown cup. Bro. F. H. Mills was awarded a silver cup for the best debates in the Sigma Epsilon society. Both of these brothers distinguished themselves again by securing the medals offered in German and French departments. Another Delta represented the Pi Omega society in the annual oratorical contest, and as orator on the recent anniversary, and also delivered the Latin salutatory on Commencement Day. We deeply mourn the loss of Bros. Tucker, Smith, G. G. Miller, and Richmond. Bro. Tucker was one of our best writers and speakers. Your correspondent recently paid the Lambda boys a visit. He received a royal reception from a small,

but strong, loyal and spirited chapter. The alumni in the city are composed of some of the most prominent men there. Lambda and Beta Theta will doubtless see much of one another hereafter. On the 29th of last month the Fraternities here gathered together to witness the laying of the corner-stone of the Alpha Tau Omega chapter house. It will be a beautiful stone building when completed. Each Fraternity was invited to send a delegate to take a part in the exercises, but only two were represented, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and ourselves. Bro. Crocket was our representative. The Sigma Alpha Epsilons are also building a stone chapter house. This speaks well for Sewanee. It is perhaps the only university in the South in which four out of the six Fraternities represented own their own halls. So far this year, three hundred (300) students have registered, showing a large increase over last year. Our gymnasium, which when completed will cost \$20,000, is rapidly going up.

Chi—Kenyon.

THE new college year has opened very pleasantly for us at Kenyon. We feel very much encouraged, although our number is but small, and are determined that this year shall behold the advance of $\Delta T \Delta$ at Kenyon. Our long felt and distressing want has been a chapter house. But with the assurance of aid from the general Fraternity, and the generous response of our alumni, we eagerly look for the realization of our hopes at no distant day. With a good, substantial building, we have no fears for the future. We are negotiating for suitable ground, but such transactions are anything but rapid. Brother W. A. Child, '83, returned last June and took his M. A. degree. Bros. Franks, '81, and Harris, '85, were also present. Brother H. H. Critchfield is practicing medicine in Hunter, Cass County, Dakota Ter. Brother Chas. S. Crawford is practicing law at Pittsburg, Pa. Bros. M. B. Lambert, '82, and M. T. Hines, '85, both of Mu, are here at Gambier as tutors in the Grammar School. The chapter house of $\Theta \Delta X$ has been forcibly entered and injured. They are negotiating for a new one.

Upsilon—Rensselaer.

THE class of '90 entered the Institute about sixty strong; after having passed a few of their entrance examinations they next proceeded to win the cane rush by a score of 19 to 10, and the next

week won a ball game from '89. Out of this doughty class we have selected two men we are pleased to introduce,—Bro. Norman Cramp, of Philadelphia, and Bro. G. Chauncey Dewey, of Wheeling, West Virginia. It is unnecessary to add that they are the right sort. The class of '86 withdrew many good Fraternity men. At the time of the opening of the college year, $\Theta \Xi$ had seven men, have initiated two this season; $\Delta \Phi$ returned eight, no new members; $Z \Psi$ has five, no initiates this year; $\Delta K E$ six, no new men; $X \Phi$ ten, two initiates; $\Delta T \Delta$ eight, two; $\Theta \Delta X$ five, two. The above is a nearly perfect list up to date. Though of late years some of the Freshmen do not wear pins, they get in their work of proselyting among their classmates with greater effect than they could if it were known that they were frat men. Our own Fraternity stands on very friendly terms with all the Greeks here, with the possible exception of the two last on the above list; the lines of political demarkation being very clearly drawn here. There has been not a little disappointment shown at the resignation of Prof. Whitman, (from the chair of physics), who goes to Adelbert College, and the nomination of a younger man, Parks, to fill the position. Our \$15,000 gymnasium is not far from done; that is to say, the class of '90 may, perhaps, be able to use it before they graduate. The officers which we have at present are: Manager of the Athletic Association, W. F. Smith; Sophomore Editor on the *Polytechnic*, Paul Bigelow; Freshman Editor on the *Polytechnic*, G. C. Dewey; President of the Glee Club, W. F. Smith; Athletic Director from '88, V. T. Price; Captaincy of two class base ball teams, and some minor class offices.

Alpha—Allegheny College.

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE opened on September 23, with about three hundred students enrolled. At the last meeting the Board of Trustees accepted the resignations of Prof. G. W. Haskins, chair of Latin and Modern Languages; Prof. J. Tingley, chair of Physics; Prof. C. W. Reid, chair of Greek and Literature; and Miss Louise McClintock, preceptress of Huling's Hall and teacher of French. These vacancies caused the Faculty to be reorganized, and to-day we find that body in much better condition than ever before. The new members of the Faculty are Prof. Stilwell, Ph. D., chair of Mathematics; Prof. Colgrove, assistant teacher of Latin; Miss Emily Wheeler, preceptress of Huling's Hall and teacher of French;

and Miss Crook, assistant preceptress and teacher of German. The change in the Faculty had a beneficial effect on Alpha as well as the college, and in addition to the five old Delta Taus who opened the year we now have three new ones whom we beg leave to introduce to the fraternity,—Bros. Jno. C. Nash, '89, W. C. Deming and W. G. Heiser, both of '90. While we regret exceedingly that Bros. Fulton, Armstrong, Smith and Krick are not with us, we firmly believe that Alpha's future is a bright one, and that she will, as she has in the past, reflect great credit on the fraternity. Our rivals are $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, $\Phi K \Psi$, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, all of whom are in excellent condition and will give each other a tussle for second place in the college. A new local fraternity has been established here. The chapter is composed of three Sophomores, two Freshmen and one Prep. Rumor says that they will get a charter from a prominent Southern fraternity.

Epsilon—Albion.

WITH the beginning of this year Albion College enters upon the second quarter century of its existence, and wheels into line a larger number of students than in any preceding year. Among these the college classes proper are unusually large, thus affording a better opportunity for the election of first-class men. Epsilon's fireside glowed with Delta enthusiasm at her first meeting, as eleven of her loyal sons gathered round to participate in its cheery pleasantries, and to scrutinize the prospects for the year. We very much regret that Bro. G. G. Scranton, '87, is not to be with us this year, and in our meetings his absence is deeply felt. At our second meeting we initiated two sterling men of '90,—James H. Delbridge, and Palmer M. Dearing—making our number thirteen. Bros. George Jocelyn and Dr. John Encke, were present and heartily engaged in the initiatory service. These brothers also favored us with very fitting speeches, in which they spoke of the by-gone times of Epsilon and their hearty interest in our good old Delta Tau. We hope these, and all our brothers, will feel welcome to visit us. Our latch string is always out, and we bid you come. We now have healthy rivalry in the Alpha Pi chapter of Sigma Chi, which was instituted in our midst last June. Alpha Pi began the year with eleven strong men, and they are evidently well equipped for the battle. We are represented on the editorial staff of our college journal, *The Pleiad*, by the editor-in-chief and business manager. In the campaign—

the Pleiad election—of last spring, political aspirations ran high ; but by quiet, cool-headed, manly action, Epsilon gloriously won the spoils. We are planning some entertainments for the near future, by which we hope to better our financial condition. Although we are not wholly free from debt, our prospects are bright, our courage good, and our hearts warm with Delta zeal ; under which circumstances no chapter ought to suffer, but rather in the spirit of noble men, our colors freely flying, we will march on to conquest. Our chapter house scheme, which was chronicled last year, is not just at present what we desire it. However, at our last meeting in June several of our alumni being present, an excellent plan for a permanent chapter house was devised and a committee appointed, composed of alumni and actives, to carry it into effect. The meeting was one of unusual interest, and, while our alumnae brothers exchanged kind greetings as they expressed in brotherly accents their love for Delta Tau, many plausible suggestions were made respecting Epsilon's welfare and prosperity.

Beta Beta—De Pauw.

BETA BETA again sends greeting to her sister chapters. We commenced the year with our ranks somewhat thinned, but with strong workers, and our prospects seem bright. The outlook for the University is flattering, there being a large increase in the number of students. A few changes have been made in the Faculty. Dr. J. E. Earp has accepted the presidency of South Kansas College, and Dr. H. A. Gobin, the presidency of Butler University, Kansas. We take great pleasure in introducing to the Delta world Roy O. West, of Georgetown, Ills.; John B. Brooke, of Valparaiso, Ind.; C. Bert Coggs, of Williamsburg, Ind.; and Stephen S. Stratton, Jr., of Richmond, Ind. Also we are exceedingly glad to welcome back Judson W. Paul, of Burrton, Kas. Bro. Paul is one of those jovial, big-hearted, handsome fellows of which any chapter might be proud. Bro. Keith has been elected fraternity editor on the *De Pauw Monthly*. Bros. Blackstock, Crose, Keith and Matson report a grand time at the Louisville convention. On Sunday morning, August 15, 1886, Bro. Frank D. Wimmer died of typhoid fever, at his home in Mt. Vernon, Ind. He had elicited from his fraters the warmest love, from all who knew him the highest esteem, and his death proved a heavy blow to Beta Beta.

Iota—Michigan State College.

SINCE Iota's last letter was written, her members have been increased by five ; and we present the names of Bros. Priest, Seibert, Van Devoort, and Rossman, '89, and Lockwood, '90, hoping to add to the list at our next meeting two more of the class of '90. Iota has now twelve active members. Each of the societies in college has its quota of good men, and all are strong and doing good work. Shortly before commencement came trouble in college, and the term closed gloomily. No society in college held its usual banquet, and all were depressed. The fall term opened August 25, and a large class entered, which has crowded the accommodations at M. A. C., to an extent that will necessitate the erection of a new hall before another class enters. Everything is most prosperous in college and in the chapter. Three weeks after the opening of the term, we were called upon to mourn the loss of Bro. Priest, '89, who went from college sick, and died, after a few days of illness, at his home in Corunna. Bro. Priest was a boy so universally loved and respected by all who knew him, and to us so true and beloved a brother, that his death was very deeply felt, and Chapter Iota truly mourns a man who gave every promise of a bright and useful life. We are glad to have with us this term Bros. Fritz, '77, and Snyder, '82, who are taking post-graduate courses, and aid us greatly by their interest and advice. We will close this term's work with a banquet, which we hope to make the pleasure to Iota and her friends that such occasions have always proved in the past.

Alumni News.

Beta Kappa—Colorado.

'86. G. B. Blake, M. D., left on September 29 for New Orleans, to take a six months' course in the Medical Department Tulane University, of Louisiana.

'82. Stanton is still in the State Library at Denver.

'86. Noxon is in business at Idaho Springs.

'86. Pease is with a surveying party at Atlantic City, Wyoming.

Nu—Lafayette.

'82. L. G. Schultz, of the United States Signal Service, is pursuing a course of study at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston.

'82. M. B. Lambert, late of the United States Geological Survey, is now instructor in Physics at Kenyon Grammar School, Gambier, Ohio. Bro. Hines, Nu '85, is instructor in Greek at the same institution.

'82. W. A. Seibert, M. D., recently wedded Miss Rosa A. Werkheiser, of Easton. Bro. Seibert is located in Easton and is gaining a nice practice.

'84. H. L. Odenwalder has recently bought out a large drug establishment in Easton and is continuing the business.

'84. Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Lida J. Young and A. R. Niles, of Wellsboro, Pa.

'84. "A. B. Camp has just begun the practice of law at 115 Monroe street, having lately graduated from the law course of the Chicago University. He graduated, too, with flying colors. A prize of fifty dollars was offered to the best orator, and Camp was the man. Among his competitors in the contest there were several who had been, like himself, J. O. prize men at their respective colleges. Among them also a A. M. of Dartmouth, an A. M. of Williams, an A. M. of the Chicago University and other favorites of the colleges, eight in all."—*From the Lafayette Journal of September, 1886.*

'88. R. F. Stewart will attend a business college in Philadelphia the coming winter.

Zeta—Adelbert.

'83. J. W. McLane has accepted the Chair of Mathematics at the West High School, Cleveland, Ohio.

'86. K. B. Waite is attending the Homeœopathic Medical College, at Cleveland, Ohio.

'83. J. Hood is situated at Louisville, Ky., in the drug business.

W. S. Arter is studying law with Bro. Bemis at the Cleveland Law Library.

W. S. Pettibone's address is Solon, Ohio. He expects soon to start for the West.

Epsilon—Albion.

'76. Prof. Samuel Dickie is candidate for Governor of Michigan on the Prohibition ticket. He is also Professor of Astronomy and Applied Mathematics in Albion College.

'83. W. O. Carrier, also of the Theological Seminary at Auburn, N. Y., in 1886, is pastor of the Presbyterian church at Shortsville, N. Y.

'84. L. J. Knapp is Principal of the Public Schools of Dillon, Montana.

'85. M. O. Reed is Principal of the Training School of East Saginaw, Mich.

'85. H. C. Morris, who was successful as Principal of the Public Schools at Marlette, Mich., is studying law at Ann Arbor.

'85. Vin Swarthout is a senior in the Law Department at Ann Arbor, Mich.

'86. Married, August 23, 1886, at the house of the bride's parents at Albion, Mich., Miss Kittie Mae Babcock, formerly '86, to Mr. Ben Bennett, of Albion, Mich. They are now located at Harrisville, Mich., where Mr. Bennett is Principal of the Schools.

'86. E. F. Abernethy is Principal of the Public Schools of Norway, Mich.

'86. George W. Healy is Pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Edwardsburg, Mich.

'86. C. H. Gordon is Professor of Mathematics in the High School of Keokuk, Iowa.

Beta Zeta—Butler.

M. O'Connor holds a responsible position with J. F. Kirk & Co., Chicago.

A. L. Baer is city salesman for the wholesale drug house of Robt. Stevenson & Co., Chicago.

King is teaching near Richmond, Ind.

Lucas is attending Wabash College this year.

H. L. Wilson is teaching at Baker's Corners, Ind.

Clarence Boyle is engaged in the lumber business in Chicago.

'83. J. F. Stone is teaching in West Indianapolis.

'84. Harry Allen has moved from Chicago to Pittsburg.

'82. Joseph N. Kelsey is now in Indianapolis.

'84. Elmer I. Phillips is practicing law at his home, Newcastle, Pa.

Alpha—Allegheny.

'73. Walter H. Butler, A. B., University of Minnesota, '73; L. L. B., University of Wisconsin, '75; Editor *Fayette County Union*, West Union, Iowa; United States Mail Agent, Dubuque to Sioux City; Chairman Fayette County Democratic Committee, and also of Fourth Iowa Democratic Congressional Committee, has been prominently mentioned for Congress.

'83. W. B. Best is Captain of the Meadville Company National Guard of Pennsylvania.

'84. W. J. Guthrie was recently elected Mayor of Apollo, Pa.

'84. E. E. Baldwin is a member of the legal firm of Hatfield & Baldwin, No. 15 Case Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

'84. J. C. White is practising Dentistry at Sewickley, Pa.

'87. J. Harry Dick is a Freshman at Yale.

'88. J. Barlow Cullum has entered the Freshman class at Lehigh.

'86. J. B. Stewart is studying Medicine in Cincinnati.

'87. Ernest Merrick is at Vanderbilt.

'79. Rev. C. B. Mitchell is now preaching in Pittsburg, having been transferred from the Kansas to the Pittsburg M. E. Conference.

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THE FIRST GREEK-LETTER FRATERNITY.*

PHI BETA KAPPA.

It now lacks but little of a hundred years since its organization. Its object was the establishment of a bond of sympathy between the youthful students in American colleges in pursuit of the higher objects of education. It was a spontaneous impulse, premonitory of the widening nature of the demand about to be made upon their powers, and the resulting duty of increased preparation for the emergency. Coeval with the adoption of the State Constitution was the impulse to organize new methods for the promotion of science. Hence sprang up Associations. . . . Among the number is to be reckoned the literary society, the members of which I now have the honor to address. It is not an uninteresting fact, illustrative of the great change then taking place in our whole social system, that it did not derive its origin from within our own borders. It came from a spot whence of all others we should least expect it, the College of William and Mary, in the Colony of Virginia. What it was that prompted the youthful students there to make nearly simultaneous overtures to those of all other colleges then known in America, for the establishment of affiliated societies for self-improvement in literature and philosophy, does not clearly appear.—CHAS. FRANCIS ADAMS, *Φ B K Oration, Harvard, 1873.*

It (*Φ B K*) is the first of the Greek Letter Societies of the colleges, and is more than half a century older than any of them. . . It was they (German Students) who affiliated together in clubs, now public and now private, of which the great object was the unity of the fatherland. * * Now the early correspondence of *Φ B K* shows that the young men who founded it had just such dreams of union as these. It was with just such purposes that their union of the "wise and virtuous" of the American colleges was formed. . . It is clear enough, . . that it was intended to form a philosophical club whose purposes should go far beyond the narrow range of the college studies of those days, and should include not only the wide range of what was then called philosophy, but the consideration at the same time of political questions. . . The old records cannot now be found but probably exist in some Virginian archives. When they shall appear they will give some

* This important and interesting article by John Dewitt Warner, Editor of the *Δ K E Quarterly*, appeared in the October, 1886, number of that Magazine; and is worthy the attention it will undoubtedly receive in Greek circles. Owing to its length we are compelled to publish it in two parts, the latter of which will appear in our next Number.—[ED. RAINBOW.]

additional illustrations of the early yearning for national union.—REV. EDWARD EVERETT HALE, in *Atlantic*, July, 1879.

It ($\Phi B K$) was secret in its nature, and tradition has brought down several accounts of its origin. One states that it came from Europe, another that it was founded by Thomas Jefferson, a third that it sprang from a Freemason's lodge. Whatever may have been the manner of its beginning, the cause was undoubtedly the common friendship and interdependence of its founders. It was purely literary in its character. Its original purpose was the promotion of literature and of friendly intercourse among scholars.—WILLIAM R. BAIRD, in *American College Fraternities*, 1883.

Such were the current authorities on the origin, nature, and aims of $\Phi B K$ when, nearly three years ago, the writer of this, then editorial committee of the Council, consulted them with a view to accompanying with an appropriate editorial the article on The Revival of $\Phi B K$, published in the *Quarterly* for January, 1884. On sifting, they left little basis of fact on which to found even an editorial note, and though there was much in the very interesting article of the Rev. Mr. Hale, which will be always worth quoting—much to which the following pages are indebted, what was known of the motives of $\Phi B K$ afforded too little solid ground to encourage the telling of it in the *Quarterly*. Indeed the mystery which shrouded the beginning of $\Phi B K$ was as utter as the Bostonese in which Mr. Adams expressed his wonder that so philosophical, philanthropical, and intellectual an institution could have originated outside of Massachusetts, and, of all places in the world, in Virginia. Latterly there has come to my possession such information as I feel justifies an attempt to portray $\Phi B K$ as it was founded and flourished—a Greek-letter fraternity of college youths, so strikingly like—almost identical in plan with—the Greek-letter fraternities of to-day that they, and not the present bearer of its name, are its real successors.

Virginia was an old State when the American Revolution stirred her best blood. A wealthy and cultured landed aristocracy, a prevailing—in prestige a state—church, African serfs for her laboring class, she was a striking contrast to Puritan New England in all except her devotion to liberty. Her capital city was Williamsburg, named in honor of King William. There was centered the life of the colony, the appanage of her colonial court and the officers of the colonial government, and there met the legislature of the colony. There also was situated "His Majesty's Royal College of William

and Mary," founded by the special grace of the monarchs whom it commemorated, presided over by the Right Reverend representative in Virginia of the Bishop of London, its buildings designed by Sir Christopher Wren and adorned by the bounty of the royal Governors and noble English patrons, holding in its corporate capacity the lucrative office of Surveyor General of the colony, to administer which it had already appointed George Washington, Zachary Taylor (grandfather of the President) and Thomas Jefferson; and entitled to representation in the House of Burgesses, which for many years met in one of its halls.

Williamsburg, while it was the seat of Government, and of the College of William and Mary, was, to a great extent, Virginia. * It was once the miniature copy of the Court of St. James, somewhat aping the manners of that royal place; while the old church and its graveyard and the college chapel, were *si licet cum magnis componere parva*—the Westminster Abbey and the St. Paul's of London, where the great ones were interred.—BISHOP MEADE, in *Old Churches*.

Sir John Randolph was the first person buried in the college chapel. The remains of Lord Botecourt rest in the same vault. Peyton Randolph, President of the first American Congress, John Randolph, Attorney General of the Crown for the colony, Bishop Madison, the first Bishop of Virginia, and Chancellor Nelson, were also buried in the college chapel. In 1776, William and Mary was the richest college in America. Its annual income was nearly four thousand pounds sterling, and it had been the constant recipient of royal, colonial and private benefactions. The professors were celibates, whose chairs were vacated by marriage. After leaving the grammar school, the "young gentlemen" students were always to appear in "academic dress," and were forbidden "to keep any race-horse at ye college in ye town, * or be in any way concerned in keeping or fighting cocks * * under pain of ye severest animadversion and punishment." The drinking of spirituous liquors, "except in that moderation which becomes ye prudent and industrious student," was prohibited, and a standing regulation was: "No liquors shall be furnished or used at table, except beer, cider, toddy or spirits and water." In the theatre of the college the colonial court was entertained by amateur theatricals, in which the young gentlemen of the college were assisted by the beaux and belles of the capital. In 1776 the Faculty consisted of the Chancellor, and of the Professors of Divinity, of Oriental Languages, of Moral and Intel-

lectual Philosophy, of Natural Philosophy and of Mathematics, and the Master of the grammar school—in which Greek and Latin were taught. In 1779, through the influence of Thomas Jefferson, the chairs of Law and Police, and of Anatomy, Medicine, and Chemistry, were substituted for those of Divinity and of the Oriental Languages. The Law of Nations and the Fine Arts were added to the scope of the chair of Moral and Intellectual Philosophy; Mathematics, Natural Philosophy, and Natural History were included in one chair, and a chair of Modern Languages was added. The charter of the college providing for but six professors, tutors aided in bearing the varied burden of some of the more comprehensive chairs.

Stirring times and historic associations were those of the founding of $\Phi B K$. The royal Governor had been packed out of Virginia; in July previous the late colonies had declared themselves free and independent States; in the Assembly of the Commonwealth, then sitting at Williamsburg, was the author of the Declaration of Independence; the boys were met at the old Raleigh Tavern, and were in the very room where fiery Patrick Henry voiced the first revolutionary spirit of Virginia. Yet, if there was any one organization which was entirely without indebtedness to or influence upon the times and the history that was then making, it was $\Phi B K$ on that 5th day of December, 1776, when John Heath, Thomas Smith, Richard Booker, Armisted Smith, and John Jones, believing that there was room for and that they could organize a new society on a better basis than the one with a Latin name then flourishing among the students, recalling that one of their number was the best Hellenist in college, and inspired, as runs their record, "by a happy spirit and resolution of attaining the important ends of *Society*," resolved to establish a Greek-letter fraternity. Adding to their numbers Daniel Fitzhugh, John Stuart, Theodoric Fitzhugh, and John Starke, on January 5, 1777, they mutually entered into the following pledge:

I, * * *, do swear on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, as calling the Supreme Being to attest my oath, declaring that I will, with all my possible efforts, endeavor to prove true, just, and deeply attached to this, our growing Fraternity, in keeping, holding, and preserving all secrets that pertain to my duty, and for the promotion and advancement of its internal welfare.

After the invariable custom of student organizations, a constitution was evolved, and added to from time to time, and a some-

what chaotic jumble was the result. Expressions of sentiment, rules of discipline, provision for special emergencies found to occur, and amendments, were copied down by the secretary in the order of their passage, or were omitted when he was forgetful, as he seems occasionally to have been. This body of law, still extant in twenty-seven sections, is discouraging to one who would like to agree with those who consider $\Phi B K$ to have been a band of youthful enthusiasts, planning first to unite the most wise and virtuous youth of all the colleges, and then to reform the world. The sons of Virginia gentlemen in attendance at an Episcopal college, they were God-fearing in speech and intent, and a Testament would have been bought with the twelve shillings given for that purpose by John Short, if John Nivison had not already presented the fraternity with one. Devoted to the humanities and polite letters, then considered the basis of a gentlemen's education, literary efforts seemed to them congenial and proper exercises for their meetings, and the members were allotted appointments in turn. It was the proper thing then for an educated gentleman of estate to act as a patron of merit, and we find mention of a suggestion that some premium be allowed from the treasury to encourage "any new invention of arts and sciences"—which suggestion remained a dead letter. It occurred to the members that it would be a grateful thing to take under their care worthy objects of charity, and "Messrs. Hardy and Cocke were appointed to look out for some orphan likely to receive advantages from being put to a proper school," but seem never to have found one. Fines were imposed "for the least appearance of intoxication or disorder of any single member by liquor at a session," and for "the non-attendance of any single member, unless by some certain obstructing inability or urgent necessity." The subjects of their debates were, generally speaking, identical with the numerous questions that every year of the century have been settled by every student literary society.* It is plain that the

* The following are the questions debated by $\Phi B K$ during the year 1780:

Is a public or a private education more advantageous?

Had William the Norman a right to the Crown of Great Britain?

Whether execution of Charles the First was justifiable?

Whether any form of Government is more favorable to public virtue than a Commonwealth?

Whether ye rape of ye Sabine women was just?

Whether religion is necessary in Government?

fraternity would have considered utterly and equally ridiculous suggestions that its prime motive was either that of a religious organization, a debating club, an aid to inventors, a charitable institution, a temperance society, a political propaganda, or a band of philosophers devoted to the enlightenment or elevation of mankind, inside or outside college walls. More thoroughly to enjoy the society of congenial associates—to promote refined good fellowship, was the motive of these hearty young students who founded the first of the true Greek-letter fraternities, with (to quote from its ritual) “friendship as its basis, and benevolence and literature as its pillars,” one which thrived in their day as its successors on the same basis flourish in ours. So far from being the inspirers, or a product, of the American national spirit, or of a union of the wise and virtuous to which they invited all known American colleges, the only reference in their records to the Revolution is the single mention of the “Confusion of the Times” in the record of the final meeting given below, and the only recognition of the existence of other colleges is the record below cited of the granting of charters for “meetings” at Harvard and Yale, which institutions were never mentioned again.

I quote sparingly what seem to me characteristic and fair selections from the minutes, though they give an exaggerated idea of the regularity and amount of literary work, the records showing frequent omissions and postponements of such, on account of the absence or failure of appointees, or of the press of other business or entertainment.

Feb. 27, 1779. At a meeting of this Society, Messrs. Heath and Brown, upon making known the reason of their absence [from] the last meeting, were excused by the Society. According to appointment, Messrs. Heath and Short delivered their compositions, and Messrs. Hall and Nivison argued. Messrs. Hite and Bowdoin were appointed judges, instead of Messrs. Hall and Short, who were engaged in composition and argumentation. Messrs. Stuart and Brown were appointed to produce compositions on the “Justice of African Slavery,” Messrs. Bowdoin and Eyre to argue. The forms of initiation instituted by the Committee were read and

Whether in a civil war any person is justifiable in remaining neuter ?
 Whether duelling ought to be tolerated in this or any other free State ?
 Whether all our affections and principles are deducible from self love ?
 Whether polygamy is a dictate of nature or not ?
 Whether avarice or luxury is more beneficial to a republic ?
 Whether Brutus was justifiable in killing Cæsar ?
 Whether a man in extreme want is justifiable in stealing from his neighbor to relieve his present necessities ?

resolved upon. The laws, revised by a Committee appointed for that purpose, were read, and received universal approbation. Messrs. Baker, Moore, and Roane being recommended to the Society as worthy members, were balloted for and received in due form. A letter was received from our worthy brother, Mr. John Stuart, in which was enclosed twelve shillings, which was to purchase a Testament for the Society; but as the Society had been presented with one from Mr. John Nivison, it was put into the treasury. The business of the Night being finished, an adjournment took place.

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At a meeting of the Society, March 13, 1779. According to appointment, Messrs. Stuart and Brown delivered their compositions, and Messrs. Bowdoin and Eyre argued. Upon examination of the treasurer's accounts, there was found to be £15, 8s. in the treasury. Mr. Wm. Stith being recommended to this Society as a worthy member, was balloted for and initiated in due form. Messrs. Brent and Clements were appointed to produce compositions inquiring whether agriculture or merchandize were most advantageous to a State. Messrs. Baker and Ballendine were appointed to argue on the same subject. The business of the evening being finished, an adjournment took place.

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At a meeting, April the 19th. Mr. Thos. Savage being recommended as a worthy member of this Society, was balloted for and initiated in due form. Mr. Bowdoin being about to depart for Europe, requested the company of the Society at the Raleigh, where he gave them a very elegant entertainment. After many toasts suitable to the occasion, the evening was spent by the members in a manner which indicated the highest esteem for their departing friend, mixed with sorrow for his intended absence, and joy for his future prospects in life.

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At a meeting in course, September ye 23d, 1780. Agreeable to custom, ye Committee was formed, Mr. Brent as Chairman. Mr. Wm. Short and Mr. Theod. Fitzhugh being absent, the question whether "Avarice or luxury is more beneficial to a republic?" was only handled by Mr. Swan and Mr. John Nivison. Mr. Thomas Cocke being proposed as a gentleman worthy a seat in this Society, was balloted for and received. Mr. Jos. Cabell fined 20 dollars for non-attendance on ye evening he was appointed to declaim. Mr. Swan, Mr. Thos. Lee, Mr. Washington, Mr. Madison, and Mr. Nivison fined 15 dollars each for absenting themselves on evenings when disengaged. Mr. A. Stuart and Mr. Brent to declaim, Mr. Roane and Mr. Peyton [Short] to argue at ye ensuing meeting. The business being finished, an adjournment took place.

The badge with which each member was required to provide himself was a "square silver medal," bearing the devices now well known, which was commonly worn suspended on a cord by an eye-let attached to the middle of one of its sides, the key form in this

case, as in that of *KA*, being arbitrarily assumed by later members. A grip was early adopted, and a secret sign of recognition prescribed, by which a brother might make himself known to others in whatever quarter of the world he chanced to be. Elections to membership, and expulsions alike, required an unanimous vote. To stimulate literary work, a standing committee examined all productions and selected for the archives such as it deemed worth keeping. No poems appear to have been perpetrated. The most occult of the mysteries seems to have been that of the use of the cabalistic design—

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Meetings were held first monthly, then bi-monthly, then weekly, then bi-weekly.

[*To be continued.*]

WEARING THE BADGE.

WHY should any fraternity man either cease to wear his badge or hide it under his coat? There is no reason, unless it be that he no longer honors it and cares nothing for the memories it awakens. To me, my badge has often been that which alone has connected me with a past where I found men with sympathetic natures and loyal hearts; men not of the world, but unselfish and anxious to sacrifice their interests to further my own; men of honor, and having sense of justice; men true and noble, without the grasping, elbowing, jealous minds that supply reason and excuse for much that is questionable, yet done by men to men in all classes and grades of society. And when you college boys with fine equipment, alert minds and brave hearts, step across the threshold of your college fraternity home, to walk out into the world in all your manly vigor, you will learn there that the "main chance" is the watchword of existence. Where in the outside world will you find such associations as those of the chapter hall,—such friends? Only in the man who cares enough for those dear memories to keep about him that something—constantly reminding him of those fond ties—his badge.

Aside from sentiment and personal regard for your fraternity, it is your duty to wear your badge, both in college and out of it. As much of a duty, I hold it, as to regard your vows. Keep the banner on the outer wall. If you have enlisted in a good cause don't lower your colors; fly the flag in sight of all and push your line of attack hard up against and through the "barbs," our enemies. Let other fraternities recognize you, and by the signs you wear in numbers may they know that you belong to a live, pushing, progressive college fraternity that is increasing in its influence, is watchful of its interests, jealous of its victories won, and determined to maintain the rights it has acquired.

Get a badge; wear it always. Let no cloud obscure the crescent of our dear old "Delta Tau;" display that badge, let us know each other when we meet, and let us meet as men who are not ashamed of the emblem of our faith. J. D. WATSON, A, '81.

Open Letters.

CONVENTION DELEGATES.

THERE are some Chapters in this Fraternity upon whom, under the present system, the expenses of sending a delegate to convention fall very heavily on account of their distance from the geographical centre of the Fraternity, near which it is natural and reasonable that conventions should be held. In such a Chapter the delegate is most likely to be, not the best man, but the one who can pay the largest part of his expenses himself. In case no member feels able to do this, the Chapter is obliged to ask the delegate of a more fortunate Chapter to act as her proxy. This has been the experience of the Beta Kappa and, I have no doubt, of others.

For more than three years this Chapter at the University of Colorado, has been holding regular meetings, adding to it numbers and interest in Fraternity life, and making the word *Delta* a guaranty of scholarship, integrity and high social standing, and yet on account of our great distance from the centres of the Fraternity, our connection with the Fraternity as a whole, which ought to be one of the most valued and stimulating features of Fraternity life,

has thus far been maintained through the unsatisfactory means of correspondence alone.

The benefit which we have obtained from the Fraternity thus far has not been very much greater than that which can be derived from a good local society, simply because that most enjoyable feature of Fraternity life, meeting Fraters from other Chapters, has been almost entirely wanting.

We believe that each Chapter should be enabled to send its best man to convention every year, and that a plan should be adopted equalizing the expense of sending one man apiece among the different Chapters. We would therefore suggest, that the total railroad expenses of one man from each Chapter be ascertained, and this amount be divided by the whole number of active members, the quotient forming the Convention assessment to be collected of each active.

We do not deny that we would be benefited by this plan, if adopted, more perhaps than any other Chapter, but we do believe that it is a reasonable and just plan, and that in levying an equal tax of not more than two or three dollars on each active, instead of the very unequal tax now paid, and hence insuring to each Chapter a creditable representation in every convention and a full and enthusiastic verbal report of the Proceedings of Convention, it would be a measure calculated to promote the best interests of the Fraternity and to bind it more closely together. GUY V. THOMPSON, *B K*.

Editorial.

THE ALUMNI MOVEMENT.

THE recent reorganization of the Chicago Alumni Association upon a more satisfactory and doubtless permanent basis; the several reunions of the New York Alumni, following one another at frequent intervals; the preliminary reorganization of the Nashville Alumni Association which will shortly be completed; the proposed revival of the Cleveland Alumni Association, and the efforts which are now being made in Philadelphia, Kansas City, and Des Moines to work up the Alumni interests of the Fraternity in those cities; all these

are, we think, evidences of the fact that the action of the Fraternity at the Louisville Convention in making provision for a systematic reorganization and ultimate extension of the alumni associations of the Fraternity is bearing a goodly fruit.

We hope to see this good work continue, and feel grateful that so much has been accomplished in the brief time since it has begun. We hope that the time may not be far distant, when these associations, now acting each upon its own responsibility and in its own limited field, will be united in aims and in methods, and thus form a strong and active element in the Fraternity ; when they will issue to their members a uniform membership card, somewhat after the plan of other exclusive societies, which will be recognized as a passport entitling the bearer to the courtesies of the organized "Delta Communities" in our larger cities ; when they will unite in publishing under one cover the membership lists of the several associations, partly for convenience in travel and for business reference, for such a list would serve as a professional directory of established merit ; when the younger members of our Fraternity whom the better opportunities for study and professional and mercantile advancement attract to the larger cities, will find in them a body of alumni well established in business who will cheerfully direct and counsel them ; when our alumni, through their associations, will concertedly act in all matters which go to determine the general policy of the Fraternity, which they can thus so largely determine ; when the system of such alumni associations will have extended to cities like Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Minneapolis, and St. Louis ; for in all of these there are large communities of Deltas, made up not only of young and enthusiastic men who can be intrusted with the routine work incident to such organizations, but also of many of our older alumni, men well along in years, well established in their several professions and in the mercantile world, whose membership in such organizations will lend dignity and honor to the Fraternity.

The Laws of the Fraternity governing the formation of alumni chapters are exceedingly favorable and liberal, and call for nothing that cannot be cheerfully complied with. Its policy of necessity will always be to encourage them in every way possible, and grant them such rights and privileges, in addition to those which they already possess, as they may feel desirous of obtaining and exercising.

The Constitution and Laws make only the most general provision for the government of these chapters, and it entirely rests with themselves how they shall conduct their affairs.

We commend, in a general way, the plan upon which the New York Alumni Association has been organized and conducted, as perhaps the best suited for the purposes of our Fraternity, everything considered, that has yet been devised. We think that the plan, modified of course to meet the varied circumstances of different localities, will be found applicable in most instances.

CHAPTER BY-LAWS.

At the Louisville Convention a resolution was passed, directing the chapters to file with the General Secretary of the Fraternity, on or before the first of next January, a copy of their by-laws for the use and guidance of the Council. There is no doubt that these by-laws will be found to vary greatly in detail, from the elaborate codes of rules and procedure of some of our best managed and efficient chapters, to the loose and incomplete by-laws of other chapters which never seem to have been able, either through indifference and thoughtlessness, or through positive inability, to conduct their affairs in a business-like manner. An examination of these by-laws will thus display, in a great many instances, the reasons for both the efficiency as also the inefficiency of our chapters, and will suggest the propriety on part of the Council of acquainting chapters of the latter class with the best features of the most active and able chapters, as displayed through their by-laws. This, we hold, is a duty which clearly comes within the province of the Council; as the central governing body of the Fraternity it may well be entrusted with the task of ascertaining why certain chapters are so much more, and others so much less, efficient than the average; of advising as to directions for improvement in chapter work and of indicating the proper methods that should be pursued. We even think that it would be well if the Council will give its early attention to the matter of drawing up a general set of by-laws for chapter government, which would combine the best features to be found in the by-laws about to be submitted to it. Such by-laws, drawn up carefully, can be made to cover in a general way all those

methods which are known to be absolutely essential to good chapter management, and they could be so devised as to cover nothing except what is known to be applicable in every instance. These by-laws could form the nucleus, to which each chapter could readily add such additional legislation upon minor details of chapter work which its own circumstances call for. We have no doubt that many of our chapters would readily see the advantage in discarding their code of laws which, though venerable through age, is adapted rather to the primitive days of chapter existence, than to the modern requirements of the times. Of course the Constitution and Laws of the Fraternity guarantee to each chapter the right to frame its own by-laws, provided they do not conflict with the organic law of the Fraternity; but we can not conceive that any chapter can be so short sighted as not to accept instructions upon a subject so vitally important to its own interests. We trust, therefore, that the chapters will cheerfully comply with the requirements of the resolution, referred to above, to the end that the Council may learn as much as possible of their methods, and employ the information so gathered for the general good.

DELTA TAU MUSIC.

WE are pleased to learn that a Detroit house will soon publish a Delta Tau Delta Polka, written and arranged for the piano, by Brother McAndrew of Chapter Delta. The music is a favorite with Delta, has been played at several of her parties, and is of a sprightly nature, full of movement and vivacity. Covering six pages of sheet music it will be printed in first-class style. Brother McAndrew has devoted considerable time to musical compositions, and his "Girls of '86," and "Last Days," are well known in Ann Arbor, and have been played at the University receptions. The Delta Tau Delta Waltzes, played at the Detroit Convention, were the work of Brother McAndrew, and should the publication of the polka be a financial success, the waltzes and a Fraternity Grand March will be issued by the Delta Chapter. We trust the brethren will do all in their power to promote the enterprise, and thus materially foster and encourage the growth of a genuine musical spirit in the Fraternity.

ETA'S LAUDAMUS.

THE song, with music, printed in the October number was sent by Chapter Eta, and without further investigation was published by us, fully believing that it was original both as to words and music. Immediately after publication we received a letter from the Editor of the *Beta Theta Pi*, claiming that, with a few immaterial alterations, the words were identical with those of an old *B Θ Π* song. An examination of the *B Θ Π* Song Book clearly established her title to the words. The same mail brought the following disclaimer from Brother McLane :

CLEVELAND, 15th November, 1886.

Editor RAINBOW :

Let me say that I have never claimed the authorship of the song "*Laudamus*," published in the last number of THE RAINBOW. I saw it first in a collection of songs of some Eastern society, I think, and changed only a few words in the chorus. I gave the song to a member of another chapter, because its metre suited a tune then popular in my college.

Yours, JAMES W. McLANE.

We sincerely regret the unfortunate mistake, and deeply deplore our own carelessness in not fully ascertaining the authorship of a song which did not come directly from the accredited author. We trust that *B Θ Π* will be fully satisfied that there was no deliberate and malicious attempt on our part to appropriate to ourselves any part of her inheritance. The words, it is useless to say, will not appear in our new song book, but as the music is original, we consider it the duty of Brother Holcomb to adapt it to some one of our numerous songs.

Chapter Letters.

Pi—University of Mississippi.

TAKING everything into consideration, this promises to be one of the most prosperous and beneficial sessions the University of Mississippi has ever experienced. The trustees seem to be looking to the comfort of the students in every way possible, as work is being continually done on the campus and dormitories. Our laboratory has also been refitted, and the students in practical chemistry will now be able to carry on their experiments with greater benefit and comfort than heretofore. The Signal Service Bureau has established a station here, in charge of our Professor of Physics. Our chapter meets regularly semi-monthly, and all the fraters of Chapter *II* seem to take more interest in frat affairs than they have evidenced heretofore. We can now present to the Fraternity Bros. Fant, Ferrell, Long, Moyse, Savage and Hall, who have been thought worthy to be initiated into the mysteries of $\Delta T \Delta$. We also initiated Bro. Wm. F. Fitzhugh, who was an old "Rainbow," and returned to the University this session. Bro. E. A. Sears guys with us, as he lives on the campus, and his father is Professor of Mathematics, although he is not attending the University this year. We have now fourteen active and energetic members, with whom we hope to do good work during the session. It is rumored that the Delta Psis are endeavoring to build a chapter house by the aid of their alumni. We cannot vouch for the authority of the rumor, but we wish them every success, if they have such an object in view. We are sorry to chronicle the death of an old "Rainbow," Bro. George Sears. Bro. Sears was of the class of 1882, and was a worthy man in all respects. We regretted very much to lose him, but the all-seeing God called him from this world of care to his reward beyond, where he will be happy evermore; and we should not demur at the decrees of God, as He giveth and He taketh away whom soever he sees fit, in His wisdom and goodness. We are happy to say that many besides the active members of *II* are looking and wishing for *II*'s welfare, as we have received many letters

from fraters that were here last year and did not return this session, and also some letters from old "Rainbows," and the wish of one and all is "that we might prosper and take many honors." When so many eyes are regarding us with anxiety, and so many fraters of former years are wishing us such great success, and seem so much interested in our welfare, we think it will inspire us to greater exertion. Our rivals, $\Delta K E$, $\Delta \Psi$, $B \Theta \Pi$, $X \Psi$, ΣX , $\Phi K \Psi$, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, and $\Sigma A E$ are all in very good condition, and the fraternities are getting along handsomely with each other this year. Prohibiting the initiation of sub-Freshmen is a bad stroke of policy and a decided drawback to us, as every other frat here initiates them, and, of course, they will have that much advantage of us; but we have labored under disadvantages equally burdensome, and we can do so again and survive.

Upsilon—Rensselaer.

THERE has been nothing of very much interest since our last letter. Our chapter has gone on its steady march to the front without let or hindrance. There has been a lull in Institute politics for the last six months, but now each frat is watching the others with great intentness, as in a few weeks the candidates for Grand Marshal will be in the field; something will be heard to drop before long. Our new Gymnasium is finished, and, by the way, Col. Robeling pronounced it unsafe, as the walls are somewhat bulged. The Trustees of the Institute are about to furnish the apparatus. The Freshmen are expected to take their sleigh-ride as soon as the sleighing is good. Last year they won the event by strategy, and this year it is probable that the same class will win on account of overwhelming numbers. Our chapter rooms have a most homelike appearance, and consequently the fellows are in them a great part of the time. We have lately hired a man to look after the rooms, run errands, etc. We are expecting soon to dress him in livery. Bro. Zayas, '86, spent a few days with us lately. We are always very glad to have any Delt call upon us, and we imagine that we know ways of making his stay pleasant.

.Beta Epsilon—Emory.

SINCE writing our first letter to THE RAINBOW, Bro. Morgan, '84, has returned. Bro. Peed has gone home. We have initiated

one man since our last letter, Bro. E. V. Vanderipe, of Manatee, Fla. This gives us fifteen hard working, enthusiastic Deltas, who will do all they can to advance the cause of Deltaism. Bro. J. M. Stuart, '84, is on a visit to Oxford with his wife. He meets with us often, and we are glad to welcome him to our chapter hall. He gives us some sage advice as to how we should manage the affairs of *B E*. We have one Senior, seven Juniors, three Sophomores, and four Freshmen. Again has the hand of death removed from our midst the presence of a loyal Delta. Capers Bowie Williamson, a recent alumnus of Chapter *B E*, died at his father's home in Sylvania, Ga., on November 13. Brother R. M. Black (*B Θ*), a fellow townsman of Bro. Williamson, in writing *B E*, says: "The dread Reaper seemed peculiarly vicious that he should have cut off at the threshold of manhood one whose future appeared of such bright portent. Our brother was prepared to stand an examination for admittance to the bar, but at the very time that the earthly court was being assembled, the Great Judge called him a higher bar. The writer knew our brother intimately, and many a time has he heard in the halls of debating societies, as elsewhere, the eloquence with which Capers Williamson was undoubtedly gifted. A lofty and noble mind has ceased to think of the purple and gray that by him was loved so well.

"There is a reaper
Whose name is Death,
And with his sickle keen,
He cutteth down the bearded grain at a breath,
And the flowers that grow between."

Iota—Michigan State College.

THE fall term closed November 12, and the boys of Iota separated for the winter, after an enjoyable social evening, when about fifty brothers, sisters and guests were present in the chapter hall, and literary exercises, music, supper, and toasts helped to pass away the time most delightfully. College convenes again February 22, and until then, we of Iota are to be found in four different States. We closed the term with twelve actives, Bros. Clark and Smith, '90, being our latest initiates, and every man will be on deck and ready for action with the opening of the new term and entering of new men.

Psi—Wooster.

PSI has been moving along the even tenor of her way since she sent her last letter to THE RAINBOW. Nothing very remarkable has transpired this term. Perhaps this is the best evidence we can give that our chapter is in a flourishing condition. All is tranquil, there being no cause nor reason for any uprising. We think we can safely say that during the almost three years that we have been a member of the fraternity, Psi has this term attained to a degree of prosperity higher than she has ever before known. We have pursued a most conservative rushing policy this year. Having thirteen men to start with, we felt that we could afford to be conservative. We have initiated no one since our last letter was written. We are anxiously looking forward to our Christmas vacation. Our term ends on the 17th. Bro. Aughinbaugh was called home to-day on account of the death of his mother. Bro. Shallenberger, of '86, is now reading law in Cleveland, Ohio. A letter addressed 43 Commercial Bank Building, Cleveland, Ohio, will reach him. Psi wishes a merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all Delta Taus.

Epsilon—Albion.

EPSILON is moving on in the even tenor of her way without the slightest tremor of disturbance, and surely she is receiving her share of success and prosperity. Our Saturday evening sessions are all that could be desired, and every brother, as he partakes of the moral, intellectual and social repast, does it with open-hearted good wishes to all lovers of Delta Tau. Our usual Thanksgiving banquet was given in our hall Wednesday evening. Quite extensive preparations were made to entertain any of our alumna brothers who might find it convenient to meet with us and enjoy the good qualities of the festive bird. And Epsilon rejoices that she had the pleasure of welcoming to her shrine on that occasion Bros. Prof. Samuel Dickie, Dr. E. L. Parmeter, Dr. J. J. Encke, Henry W. Mosher, J. G. Brown, and Geo. L. Jocelyn. The brothers manifested a true Delta spirit, and their words of wisdom and experience gave us renewed encouragement to labor for the true, the beautiful and the good. We bid them come again and Epsilon's fraternal hand will grasp theirs kindly. The evening was a most enjoyable one, and, as our voices blended in Delta song, our

hearts swelled with gratitude for the sacred influences of fraternal love. We desire to acknowledge our indebtedness to the Hon. E. S. B. Sutton and Bro. G. G. Scranton, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., for their gift of a beautiful ship, complete in every particular, and bearing on its masts our fraternity colors. At the annual oratorical prize contest of the Eclectic and Atheniaedes Society, held recently, Bro. L. E. Lovejoy, '89, was the victor, and reflected credit upon his chapter. Although we have taken in no more new members since the issuing of the last number, three excellent men have been pledged who have sterling metal for good Delta Taus. College politics are at present peacefully slumbering, but from past and present indications, Epsilon has one eye open, and will be on hand, as usual, at their first awakening. Judging from our present condition, our future looks bright and hopeful, and we are laboring with earnestness to make it such. We extend fraternal greetings to all our sister chapters and bid God-speed to all noble purposes of our grand and good Fraternity.

Xi—Simpson.

THE most prosperous term in the history of our college is nearing its close. The number of students exceeds that of any previous time, and in intelligence and ability are of an exceptionally high order. During the past few weeks plans for the erection of new college buildings have been pushed to completion, and early in the spring work on two more commodious halls will be begun. This will supply a long felt want, for our present buildings are overcrowded, and we rejoice at the increased prosperity which it means for our chapter as well as the institution. Since our last letter we have enrolled our second initiate for the year, James E. Smith, '90, of Ashewa, Iowa. The fact that Bro. Smith has three brothers who were former members of the chapter is a sufficient guarantee that he is of worthy material. The increase in our active number made by our two initiations has been counter-balanced by the withdrawal from school of Bros. W. S. Kelly and A. S. Bussel; so we remain eight strong as at the opening of the year. Bro. Kelly has departed for Berkeley, Cal., whither his parents have removed. He is now attending the California State University. Bro. Bussel is teaching in a neighboring hamlet, but is in frequent attendance at our meetings. Bro. Harry Wallace, of Omega, made us a pleasant over-

Sunday visit recently. Bros. N. B. Ashby, J. D. Brown, M. E. Daily and A. F. Jewett have been other welcome visitors from among our alumni.

Chi—Kenyon.

THE fortunes of Chi are now certainly more propitious than they were last year. It seems as if THE RAINBOW were indeed the promise of better things after the storm, and has brought us the reward of the patient. But our joy has been chastened by sorrow; for we have heard of the death of a Delta frater in Mt. Vernon, O., on the evening of November 7, 1886, after an illness of two months. The brother, whose strength yielded before dreaded consumption, was A. D. Dowling, Θ, '85. We are, on the other hand, proud to introduce into the fellowship of our brothers, Leon E. Stricker, of Tiffin, O. He is one of those who place all their fondest hopes and aspirations in the year of promise 1890; and he moreover takes true, honest pride in wearing the purple and the gray. He is a good, intelligent boy, and has in him the material of an active, earnest, aggressive Delta. We have also the prospective pleasure of a possible and perhaps probable further swelling of our numbers before long, by bringing another '90 boy under the glorious span of THE RAINBOW. We are still hard at work negotiating for a suitable site upon which to build our Chapter House; but we are sorry to be unable to report definite success. We have received plans for the lodge house from Bros. Fred. F. Martinez; they are really an excellent piece of work. We heartily thank our able and generous brother, and hope to show him some ground ere long and hear the "Go ahead" of the General Fraternity.

Phi—Hanover.

NO GREAT revolutions have taken place in our Fraternity circles here since our last letter. Phi has initiated no new men, but has been doing some good work among the Preps. Bros. Paul Ramsey and Neut Ryker, U. S. Signal Service men, stationed respectively at Pike's Peak and Indianapolis, paid us a flying visit about the middle of November. Bro. Ramsey visited home for the first time in three years, and beyond doubt the Rocky Mountain air agrees with him wonderfully. From the views shown by him, he is located in a country which rivals in grandeur the beautiful

Rhine and the marvels and wonders of Switzerland. Bro. Lopp, '88, was so enthused with the desire to reclaim his section of the country from the misrule of the Democracy, that he lost two days from college, two nights' sleep and about 10 lbs. of his corpulency, to practice his franchise and cast his first vote. He traveled something over 300 miles to exercise this privilege. The Literary Societies have engaged Judge Tourgee, author of "A Fool's Errand," to lecture here Monday night, December 6. Subject: "Give us a rest."

Beta Theta—University of the South.

As we are in the midst of our examination and on the point of departing to our respective homes for a three months' vacation, the correspondent of Beta Theta has little to say. The latest event in our Chapter's history is the initiation of William Simpson and Smith Atmore into the secret mysteries of Delta Tau. We were invited, on the afternoon of October 23, to witness the ceremony of laying the Keystone of the Chapter House for Omega Chapter of $\Sigma A E$ Fraternity. Beta Theta responded to the invitation so kindly extended to have a representative to say a few pleasant words on that occasion. The $\Sigma A E$ Fraternity should congratulate itself upon possessing such a beautiful stone chapter house.

Tau—Franklin and Marshall.

We are now prepared to introduce to the Fraternity five men who have been initiated into the mysteries of Delta Tau Delta. Two of them were pledged to us when we heard of the action of the Convention of '85; but the others we secured this year after hard work, scoring a signal victory over each chapter which here opposes us. The men who linked their destiny with ours, are as follows: Bros. Saxman, '87, Noll, '87, Glessner, '88, Wolfe, '89, Hall, '90. It will be seen that but one Freshman graces our ranks, a circumstance which can be accounted for by the fact that out of a very small class there are very few, who possess the qualifications necessary for a good fraternity man. Thus the $\Phi K \Psi$'s have only one man out of the class, and the $X \Phi$'s two. Our chapter has about the same number of men as each of the other two Fraternities mentioned above. If we must speak of quality, since we have made a comparison, suffice it to say that we have not departed

from the established custom of Chapter Tau. $\Phi K \Sigma$ is the only Fraternity that has retrograded, having but two men in College. This is not the first time that she has been so reduced in numbers, but heretofore what men she had were Fraternity men in the full sense of the word, having at once a full knowledge of Greek affairs and an active interest in their chapter. It is not the case now; the senior is a man without ambition for his chapter, and the other a freshman,—men lacking what is required for the building up of a chapter. I think we are therefore justified in saying that she is now dead at our College. This case but illustrates what is taking place throughout the whole Fraternity, viz: that she is gradually dropping down from the high position she once held.

Beta Zeta—Butler University.

WE have been as successful in our attacks on the Barbarian ranks as we were expecting at the time of our last letter. We have, therefore, to introduce to the Fraternity,—Bro. A. M. Hall, '88, and Bros. H. H. Weaver and H. S. Schell, of '90. Bro. Hall has long been sought after by the different fraternities here, but it is only lately that we have been able to persuade him to join our ranks. Bro. Schell was also obtained by us only after a long time by fighting hard for him. Just here, I want to introduce three brethren, who were initiated commencement week but were overlooked in our last letter. They are Bro. Omar Wilson, '87, Bro. W. C. McCollough, '88, and Bro. M. O. Naramore, '83. Bro. Naramore was a post graduate, and as he had come to the conclusion that it would be better to be in a fraternity than out, and as we are always in search of good men, we soon "spiked" him and initiated him. Our hall is soon to be a reality. We have rented a large room in the centre of town and are putting forth all our energies to have it completed by Christmas. When finished, the latchstring will be out to all Deltas. We came to the conclusion that now, if ever, was the time to make the attempt. We have the largest chapter here, 17; the Phis coming close with 16. We alone have made definite arrangements for a hall, though there is some talk of another being fitted up by the Sigs. All our boys stand high in their classes. Bro. Howe made the best grade last spring that has been made here in a long time, receiving 100 in six different studies. He is also President of the Sophomore class. We have the Treas-

urer and Corresponding Secretary of the Oratorical Association and the Treasurer of the Athletic Association. The two orators and essayist are from our ranks. Four of the ten editors of the *Butler Collegian*, among them the editor-in-chief, are Deltas. We are not behind in sports. We have the Captain of the Foot-ball team and are represented in the College "Nine," and among the Bicyclists and Skaters. We feel assured that we are very creditably upholding the banner of *Δ T Δ* at Butler.

Sigma—Columbia.

BETWEEN eight and nine weeks of both the college and chapter year have elapsed and now things are progressing as of old. The condition of Columbia never was better. By statistics the Freshman class is a trifle larger than that of last year; especially in the School of Mines, the scientific department of the College. Figures furnished by the Registrars of the various departments, show that in the School of Arts, this year, there are 271 students, against 273 of last year. In the School of Mines, there are 265 against 235; in the School of Political Science, 63 against 71; in the School of Law, 391 against 345; in the School of Medicine, 535 to 502, making a total, of the various departments, of 1525 against 1426, and thus giving a total increase of 99 students. The School of Law numbers about the same as it did four years ago, although there is quite an increase over the number of last year. The School of Political Science is increasing in popularity and is becoming to be one of the most important departments. The Medical School, constantly holds about the same number; that being 500. The reason asserted by "Arts" students for the decrease in their numbers is the partially elective system now existing, as well as the system of fees now in vogue, and which was introduced by the Trustees, apparently as an end to increase the revenues of the College. Until late years, a student failing at an examination, was given a second one without charge, but now he must get a certificate from the department Registrar before he can be re-examined, and this means an expenditure of five dollars to the student. Another fee is now in existence, known as the matriculation fee, which in plain parlance means, the paying of a fee for the privilege of paying a tuition. Also for each degree there is a price attached, ranging from \$5.00 to \$35.00, according to its character. These numerous

fees are held by the students, and I may say by some of the professors, to be an injustice, as the regular tuition ought to entitle a student to all the examinations of his course and a degree thereof, after he has successfully passed the many examinations. On the whole, the College is in better condition at present than ever before. By examination of past and present statistics, it is found that the number of students this year is the maximum in its history of 133 years of existence. Everything is progressing smoothly with Sigma. The last edition of THE RAINBOW was unanimously deemed a success.

Beta Kappa—University of Colorado.

SINCE our last letter things have been moving on their usual course, the main feature of our College life being quiet, hard work. Bro. J. C. Glover left us just before the beginning of the school year to attend the Theological Seminary of Auburn, N. Y. We hope to welcome him back to us one of these days as a full-fledged dominie. About November 15, the students in the College department concluded to leave the Philomathean Society in the hands of the Preparatory students, and organized a College Literary Society, in which the Deltas take an active part. Bro. C. H. Pease returned a few days ago from Wyoming, and having been engaged to fill a vacancy, will teach one of the higher grades in the Boulder schools until the close of the year. Bro. W. J. Thomas has been recently elected Superintendent of Schools in Central City. Bro. T. L. Chase, '86, has returned to take a post graduate course. Bro. J. A. Moorcroft, Σ '86, who has been in Denver some months for his health, has gained rapidly in strength and promises to visit us before long.

Beta Beta—De Pauw.

SINCE our last letter Fraternity circles have been unusually quiet. A few men have been initiated, but with little competition, causing no special excitement and very little comment. That the strength of a Chapter does not lie in numbers is abundantly proven by Beta Beta. It has never been our policy to run a large Chapter; we now number 10, while some of our rivals boast of 20 or more, yet Δ T Δ is in the front rank at De Pauw. Our weekly meetings furnish a social and intellectual feast, and we look forward to Satur-

day-night as one of profitable enjoyment. Three different times during this term have our lady friends, the dear girls, agreeable surprised us in the substantial manner of sending us a cake. Brothers Keith, Sinsabaugh and Norton spent Thanksgiving at home, and Paul at Danville. We are very sorry to lose Bro. Sinsabaugh for the remainder of this term; he was compelled to leave College because of trouble with his eyes. Our rivals, with one or two exceptions, are in good condition, and Beta Beta is on friendly terms with all. The University is in a prosperous condition; thus far 618 students have enrolled. The present Freshman class is considered the best that has entered the University in many years.

Zeta—Adelbert.

LEARN ye the name of Zeta's latest—the third Freshman on her list, Geo. W. Tryon of Willoughby, Ohio. Hardly had the last initiate been ushered into Deltaism, when Bro. C. S. Clark was obliged to leave College on account of sickness; he had been troubled with ill-health for a half a year or so, but his loyalty for $\Delta T \Delta$ prevented him from leaving us before the Fall campaign was finished, the result, however, of his work and sacrifice is with us. Friends of the College have given the sum of \$1,200.00, to be used for increasing the library. This is the first gift that the College has received since its removal from Hudson. After a trip of six or seven months, Dr. Cutler is again with us. It will be remembered that nearly a year ago he resigned the presidency, but as yet no successor has been appointed. Most all have undoubtedly heard of the great misfortune which befell our neighbors, the Case School of Applied Science, a short time since, in the way of their magnificent stone building being destroyed by fire. Nothing but the blackened and worthless walls are now standing, and from it nothing was saved. This one building contained their all, besides the collections and libraries of the Professors. For instance, the Professor of Chemistry lost two or three thousand dollars worth of private property, and notes of his work performed during the last fifteen years or so, and he by no means was the greatest loser. The fire is supposed to have started in the chemical laboratory, and before it was discovered had spread throughout the entire building. Adelbert managed to find room for them in the main building, until the unused rooms in our dormitory could be fitted up,

where they are now and probably will remain for the next year or so. Work was immediately commenced on the ruins for rebuilding and also in putting up a brick chemical laboratory, a short distance from the stone building. The fraternities represented there are *Z Psi* and a local. The Chapter and a few of her Alumni were royally entertained two weeks ago by Bro. R. E. Ruedy, at his pleasant home on Wilson Avenue.

Beta—Ohio University.

THE Greek circle at the Ohio University has been unusually quiet, so far, this year. The Phi Delta Thetas began the year with nine men; the Beta Theta Pi's with eight, and the Delta Tau Deltas with five. Since that the Beta Theta Pi's have initiated one new man; but, on the other hand, one of their men has dropped out. We regret to say that one of our number has also been compelled to leave college for the present. We, however, have now three excellent men pledged. Two important events in the history of the Ohio University have occurred this year. The first was the starting of the *College Current*, which has already taken its place among the best of Ohio college papers. The other event was the effecting of class organizations. This event was brought about by the increase in number of students, and in their interest in college life. The Ohio University seems to be awaking from its lethargic condition which has been the cause of the low repute of the College during the last twenty years. Beta will also keep pace with the times, from present indications, for three of our men are acknowledged by all as the three best men in the University.

Beta Delta Chapter—University of Georgia.

SINCE our last letter we have been actively at work and feel assured that Beta Delta is composed of energetic men, who will ever uphold the high standard of Delta Tau Delta in all departments. We take great pleasure in introducing to the Delta world, Bro. J. W. Barnett of Winterville, Ga., Class '89; he is a man of rare ability and a true Delta. Bro. R. L. Nowell has been elected Anniversarian of the Demosthenian Society, and Bro. A. L. Franklin editor of the "Reporter" from the Phi Kappa Society. The Athletic Association has been organized and is on a sure road to success. Bro. R. L. Nowell was elected vice-president, and we are

well represented on the foot ball and base ball teams. We expect to have a field-day soon, which will be our first. We have no cause to doubt that it will be a grand success, as all the boys manifest great interest in athletic sports this year. All the fraternities here are in harmony with each other, with the exception of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon, which is not as strong as in days past. The $K A$, $X \Phi$ and $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ Fraternities are in good condition at present. All the Fraternities have united, except the Sigma Alpha Epsilon, for the purpose of publishing the second volume of our College Annual, *The Pandora*. The prospects are excellent, and we hope, ere many months pass, we will be able to exchange with our sister chapters. Bro. E. T. Whatley, of '86, is Principal of Stephens Institute, Roscoe, Ga. Bro. L. M. Farmer, of '82, and Bro. P. S. Wilcoxon, of '85, are two prominent lawyers of Newman, Ga. Bro. M. B. Bond, of '86, is civil engineer in Birmingham, Ala. Bro. W. S. Upshaw is Principal of Social Circle Male Academy.

Alpha—Allegheny.

ALLEGHENY College has by no means been asleep since our last letter. The different classes have elected their officers, chosen their class hats, yells and colors, and are scheming among themselves. The Greeks are rather quiet and only a few men have been initiated so far. The several fraternities have initiated the number placed after their name: $\Delta T \Delta$, 4; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 3; $\Phi K \Psi$, 3; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, 2; and $K A \Theta$, 2. They now stand as follows: $\Phi K \Psi$, 15; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 13; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, 12; $\Delta T \Delta$, 9; and $K A \Theta$, 8. The "Phi Gams" have moved into new and commodious rooms in the Phoenix Block, which they needed badly, as before they had only one small room. We beg leave to introduce to the Fraternity, Bro. Harry D. Dunn, of Connellsville, Pa., whom we initiated a few days ago. He is a good, loyal man and will always be a strong supporter of Delta Tau. On Thanksgiving night we held a small banquet in our rooms, which was served by Meadville's popular caterers Henderson & Butler. Only the actives were present, and to them it will be a night long to be remembered. We are frequently visited by the resident alumni and by brothers from a distance. Among those whom we have had the pleasure of meeting are Bros. Parmlee, '69, Shugart, '69, and F. O. Nodine, '78. On the evening of November 17, we gave a dance in our rooms which was attended by about

twenty couples. The Northwestern Orchestra of six pieces furnished the music. Bro. H. C. Flood was admitted to the Bar of Crawford County, a few weeks ago. Delta Tau Delta is now represented in Meadville by nine lawyers. On December 9, we gave the second dance of the term, in our parlors in the Richmond Block. It was largely attended and all report a pleasant time. Music was furnished by Miller's Orchestra of eight pieces. We received a short time ago a letter from the founder of this Chapter, Bro. R. G. Heiner, Capt. 1st U. S. Infantry, Benecia Barracks, Cal. To show the interest he takes in Delta Tau, we clip a portion of his letter: "I have not received my Crescent (Oh! RAINBOW), for some time. Please send me all numbers issued since school began. Rainbow is a pretty name; but how much character there is in Crescent! May our southern allies, after a time, realize the force there is in a name, *and that name*, and of their own volition move its readoption by our grand old Fraternity."

Omicron—University of Iowa.

WHEN at the beginning of the present school-year, 11 Deltas re-assembled in Omicron's Halls, and there did homage to their beloved Delta Queen, a spirited battle was anticipated. The Greeks of the various fraternities collected their forces and the tug of war commenced. Soon after, Theodore Boal and Charles Hepburn enlisted in the ranks of the Deltas, and with increased strength an unequal contest was waged. For the Freshmen Delta Tau and all other fraternities were eager to obtain, had entered the State University of Iowa under strong *B Θ Π* influence, exerted over them by Beta alumni. The contest is the hottest one on record. Early in the conflict, however, the field was left to the Betas and Delta Taus. Finally, after six weeks of hard struggle, we obtained the allegiance of Brothers Harry Lusch, Henry Morgridge, Bert. Boies and Cliff Musser, and now Delta Tau unmistakably holds the first place among the Greek-letter fraternities located at this University. Harry Bernard Lusch comes from Waterloo, at which place his father is engaged in the banking business; from same place hails Herbert Barber Boies; Henry Wesley Morgridge and Robert Clifton Musser reside at Muscatine, Iowa,—the father of the first being a prominent doctor, while the latter's

is a member of the well-known Musser Lumber Co. The fight was hard, but the young men are worthy of such an effort. As glorious as was the outcome in the struggle, as honorable was the warfare on the part of Delta Tau. Fully convinced was Delta, that not by lowering another's standard could she raise her own; and thus standing on her own merits, relying on the zeal and devotion of her members, she carried off the honors of victory. The Delta Gammas have entered the Greek world of the State University of Iowa, and numbers seven of the finest young ladies of the University. This gives Kappa Kappa Gamma the benefit of competition, and as a result of her renewed activity she reports six new initiates. The I. C.'s are also in flourishing condition, and we see no reason whatsoever why three sororities should not exist side by side, for the State University of Iowa may justly feel proud of her large representation of the gentler sex. The Phi Kappas have purchased an elegant set of furniture for their parlors, and are thriving. The different fraternities are at present on the best of terms.

Mu—Ohio Wesleyan.

OUR last initiation permits us the pleasure of introducing to Delta Tau Delta, Bro. F. D. Tubbs, '88, Mexico, N. Y. The successful issue of nearly six months' quiet working with Bro. Tubbs, confirms our belief in that old saw which declares that no obstacles are insurmountable to "patience and perseverance." In Bro. Tubbs we get a splendid student and a true frater. A second matter to which we hasten to give mention, is a case of "lifting," performed by the $\Phi K \Psi$'s, and involving our quondam brothers P. Phillipps, Jr., '89, and W. P. Winter, '87. Such an act will be condemned by every fraternity that can rise to any conception of the benefits of Pan Hellenism. And any fraternity that follows such practices certainly shows a lack of foresight and judgment, which places it low down in the scale of Fraternity standards. Delta Tau Delta considers her oath and secrets too sacred to be entrusted to traitorous hearts. Of the gentlemen in question, we only say that we sorrow not at their suicidal course. It has long been a perplexing problem to us, to determine what measures we should take in order to prevent them from indiscretions calculated to compromise the Fraternity. We were unable to solve the problem.

But the Phi Kappa's have helped us out of our difficulty in a kind and manly way. They have relieved us of our only dead weight, and we are all the stronger. We are harmonious now. For we have ten men as true as steel,—one in purpose, aim and affection.

Nu—Lafayette.

SINCE our last epistle almost a term has rolled away and we are now about entering on our examinations. The term has been one of pleasure as well as profit. The Freshmen class has turned out well, and it is not likely that many will find their names among the tares when their final reports are read. Although many a hard fought battle had been conducted by the fraternities, no ill feelings between each other seem to have made their appearance as is so often the case. Our winter lecture course has proven quite a success, as is shown by the large attendance of students and town folks, and they have been the means of bringing prominent men, as Burbank, Buckley, Hawthorne, to our immediate notice. The $\Delta K E$ chapter showed their appreciation for their frater A. P. Burbank by tendering him a banquet at the close of his lecture. Foot-ball has taken a decided advance the past term, and a record of 10 games won out of 12 played has been made. Recent snow has been the means of much pleasure in the way of sleighing parties. We have been visited by Bro. Cullum of Alpha, now at Lehigh, and our appreciation of his visit is shown by the way the boys return his visits. Nu is ever glad to extend a welcome to any of her fraters who chance this way. A review of the initiates of the different fraternities for this term shows the following: $\Delta K E$, 8; $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, 2; $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, 2; $Z \Psi$, 4; $X \Phi$, 3; ΔT , 2; $\Phi \Psi$, 4; $\Sigma X O$,—; $\Delta T \Delta$, 4. Though not numerically at the head, Nu thinks she has just cause to feel proud of her initiates, for in nearly every case she had to win them on her merits. The following from the *Easton Daily Express* of December 10, well narrates one of Nu's pleasantest events:

After his lecture at the College last night, Will Carleton was tendered a complimentary banquet by Chapter Nu, of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. Mr. Carleton while at Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Mich., joined Chapter Kappa of this fraternity, and has ever since kept up an active interest in his society. Several of the Lafayette men had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Carleton last spring at a Fraternity Convention, held in New York City, at which Mr. Carleton presided.

The committee who arranged the banquet, Messrs. Harry L. Odenwelder, J. S. Ensor and J. T. Gallaher, fixed it at the Franklin House, whose proprietor, Mr. Pace, prepared a most excellent menu, which was well served. The after-dinner speeches were an especially pleasant feature of the banquet. Among them were interspersed college songs by the active members of the chapter, and a recitation by Mr. Carleton on request. The following was the programme :

Magister Epularum.....Rev. D. H. Geissinger.

TOASTS.

Our Guest.....Will Carleton.

Poets are good for somethin', so long as they stand at the head,
Put poetry's worth whatever it fetches in butter an' bread.

Secret Fraternities.....Rev. C. W. Levan.

What sweeter sound with life's alarum blends
Then the kind voice of brothers and of friends.

Delta Tau Delta.....Orrin Serfass.

And since the seven paternal ones
First saw the colors shine,
Thousands of brave, ambitious sons
Have wheeled into the line.

Our Chapter.....James L. Evans.

What seeks this crescent-bearing band,
That just at manhood's door,
With the warm pressure of the hand,
Are brothers evermore ?

Fraternity Alumni.....George W. Geiser.

Who come once more to linger o'er,
The grim work of their primes,
Renewing here the grief and cheer
Of happy, hard old times.

Undergraduate Days.....John S. Ensor.

There is naught for us too gentle and good
In the graceful days of our babyhood.

Our Married Men.....William A. Seibert.

But the sun will not shine so bright,
The clouds will not seem so white
To one, as they will to two.

Alpha—Nu.....J. Barlow Callum.

So follows he his fate,
Friendly, but desolate.

The Ladies.....Howard M. Morton

And take for the moral this inference fair,
If you're courting a girl, court her honest and square.

Our Banquet.....Nevin C. Heisler.

I bid farewell to every fear,
And boldly waded in.

The quotations to each toast, it will be noticed, are taken from Mr. Carleton's works, which was a pleasant surprise to him.

Besides the guest the following brothers were at the table : Rev. D. D. Geissinger, George W. Geiser, George A. Chase, Harry D. Odenwelder, Orrin Serfass,

N. C. Heisler, J. H. Palmer, R. K. Morton, H. Morton, J. S. Ensor, J. R. English, George English, J. L. Evans, E. B. Camp, William Gray, W. M. McKeen, J. C. Gallaher and E. H. Swindell. A telegram was read from R. T. Montelius and H. S. Saylor, of Minneapolis, Minn., and a letter from A. C. Campbell, Wilkesbarre, Pa., regretting their absence.

Beta Eta—University of Minnesota.

THINGS are moving in a smooth way at the University of Minnesota. The number of students is increasing, and, compared with last year, the future looks unusually bright. The advantages now offered in mechanical and civil engineering in the new building is attracting many who otherwise would go further east. We have passed Thanksgiving and term examinations, and now have seven good active members, who are doing some efficient work in a quiet way that we are sure will bear fruit in the near future. We meet the Chi Psi with a chapter-house and twelve members; the Phi Delta Theta with sixteen members, and a Local with twenty-six living, active members. Although we are the youngest fraternity and have the least number of members, we are pleased with our position among the other fraternities, and are well satisfied with the conservative plan pursued. The *Δ T* alumni are increasing in the city, and will be a valuable aid to the Chapter. They are men with the genuine Western push, and who have not lost the Fraternity spirit. *BH* takes pleasure in introducing Brother F. S. Abernathy, of '89, to his brother fraters. On the whole the Chapter is in a very satisfactory condition, and the prospect is gratifying.

Eta—Buchtel.

THE Angel of Peace hovers over the battlefield of the Greeks. The bitter strife is over, and all desirable men have joined ranks with some one of the contestants. Eta had her choice and won four signal victories over her rivals. The term has been characterized by much hard work, and the Deltas have taken their accustomed place among the best of their classes. From the busy humdrum of college work our Fraternity has been a refreshing refuge, and many pleasant and profitable evenings have been spent within the seclusion of "Eta Hall." The ensuing year promises to be one of unusual prosperity for the Fraternity, and Eta wishes to do all she can to further its progress. Eta had expected to entertain her Zeta brothers on the 11th inst., but a complication of circumstances

interfered with the scheme. Our Observatory had a narrow escape from destruction by the explosion of an oil stove, December 9. Prompt action on the part of the students and professors confined the fire to one room, where it was soon extinguished. None of the instruments were seriously damaged. Matters are assuming serious shape between the Faculty and the Senior Class in reference to representation on Commencement. The Faculty are taking the same course that caused so much trouble last year, and which will not be tolerated by '87. Our Senior Class numbers twenty, of which three are Deltas. The term closes this week, Thursday, the 16th. We hope to see THE RAINBOW at our homes soon.

Delta—University of Michigan.

SINCE our last letter we have received a very welcome addition in the person of Brother Elliott, formerly of Tau, and a Harvard graduate. He has entered the senior law class. We will defer other Chapter news till next month. What we want to do this month is to call the attention of our Division to the necessity of holding a Division Conference this year. Such conferences in the past have been productive of great benefit in bringing the different chapters of the Division into greater unity and harmony, and now that the division has been reorganized, the necessity for a conference is more than ever apparent. In order to set the ball rolling, and to give matters a chance to take definite steps, we would request the different chapters to talk over the matter and send to the Secretary of Delta Chapter an opinion, or informal vote, as to the best time and place for holding such a conference. A large and enthusiastic conference is only a question of united effort on the part of the chapters, and a little extra work on the part of whatever chapters have the matter in immediate charge.

Theta—Bethany.

THETA takes pride in introducing M. Moore, G. M. Guy, C. L. V. Ramer, as her initiates of the session of '86-87. In these three men we have found the true fraternity spirit ablaze, and feel that, under the guidance of such men, Θ's prosperity is sure. We hold regular meetings on Friday night, after the adjournment of the societies. We have adopted the custom of having a lecture every two weeks, by one of the members, on any subject he deems appro-

priate. This, we find, keeps unusual enthusiasm stirred up within the boys, and we feel our ability the more to help one another. Prof. Schmiedel, '86, meets with us almost regularly, and we find his careful and prudent advice of great service to us in conducting the affairs of the Chapter. We had a very pleasant visit not long since from brothers J. R. Wilson and W. J. McClure, both of '86. The college is in a prospering condition, and the students, although few in number, are doing excellent work. We are all looking forward with bright anticipations to our Christmas vacation, which is not far distant.

Alumni Associations.

THE NEW YORK ALUMNI.

A REGULAR meeting of the New York Alumni Association, the second social reunion of the present season, was held on the evening of Saturday, November 6, at Martinelli's, New York City.

A. H. Roudebush, *A*, '70, presided, and the following Deltas were present: William Kent, *P*, '86; A. P. Trautwein, *P*, '76; L. H. Nash, *P*, '77; H. T. Bruck, *P*, '78; L. A. Mathey, *P*, '80; C. O. Johnson, *Ψ*, '83; J. A. Bense, *P*, '84; W. F. Anderson, *M*, '84; W. L. Lyall, *P*, '84; A. B. Austin, *M*, '85; J. W. Magruder, *M*, '85; and W. S. Fitch, *Σ*¹, '86. Letters of regret at their inability to be present were received from Andrew Bryson, *K*¹, '67; Will Carleton; *K*, '69; Rev. L. A. Crandall, *K*, '73; W. I. Cooper, *P*, '77; Dr. A. E. Osborne, *T*¹, '73; F. E. Idell, *P*, '77; M. J. Martinez, *P*, '82, and H. W. Collingwood, *I*, '83.

The election to membership in the resident class of W. L. Lyall, of New York City, was announced.

The Secretary reported correspondence with alumni in Philadelphia, Pa.; Kansas City, Mo., and Des Moines, Iowa, where movements to establish Alumni Associations are now in progress; and also reported that he had communicated information as to the methods of this Association to the Nashville, Chicago and Cleveland Alumni.

The Association voted favorably upon the amendments to the Constitution and Laws, with the exception of the third, as submitted for vote by the General Secretary.

The Association, then, for its after dinner talk, discussed the previously announced topic of the evening: "National Aid to Popular Education as contemplated by the Blair Senate Bill."

The Association decided to meet again on Saturday, December 11, at six o'clock, at Martinelli's, and then to discuss "The Land Theories of Henry George," which have recently come into such prominence through the Mayoralty contest in the New York City elections. It is expected that this subject will receive a thorough discussion, and the next meeting will, as a consequence, be unusually attended. This second meeting was a success in every respect, save in its attendance, which did not quite come up to expectations, owing, doubtless, to the excessively bad weather which prevailed. The assembled company, however, seemed thoroughly to enjoy the occasion, and adjournment did not occur until after eleven o'clock.

THE CHICAGO ALUMNI.

For some years past the Chicago Alumni Association of the Fraternity has been in rather a dormant state, and has existed more in name than in fact; but it has been recently fully awakened and radically reorganized, and from the present will probably take a prominent part in the affairs of the Fraternity.

The success which has attended the efforts of the New York Association attracted the attention of several of the enthusiastic workers of the fraternity living in Chicago, and it was decided to reorganize, following the plan of the Eastern brothers.

A meeting was accordingly called on November 16, for the purpose of taking steps in this direction, at which the following gentlemen were present: M. R. Freshwaters, *Θ*, '64; N. N. Hurst, *Γ*, '69; Clarence Boyle, *B Z*, '80; Maurice O'Connor, *B Z*, '82; Addison L. Bair, *B Z*, '84; W. Lowrie McClurg, *A*, '79; Chas. M. Blair, *A*, '82; Wharton Plummer, *A*, '84; H. C. Alexander, *Δ*, '82; Campbell Allison, *Φ*, '82, and R. L. Griffin, *E*, '84.

A permanent organization was effected by the election of M. R. Freshwaters, *Θ*, '64, President; Dr. N. N. Hurst, *Γ*, '69, Vice-President; H. C. Alexander, *Δ*, '82, Treasurer; and W. Lowrie McClurg, *A*, '79, Secretary.

It was decided to take the By-laws of the New York Association as a groundwork, and to a large extent they were adopted by the Chicago Association.

The first regular meeting under the new organization was held at the Tremont House, on the evening of December 4, at six o'clock P. M. Quite an elaborate dinner had been prepared in one of the private dining rooms of that hotel, at which fourteen members sat down, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

After the dinner the regular business session was held and the organization fully perfected with the following named gentlemen as charter members, in addition to those who were present at the preliminary meeting, all having expressed a desire to be identified with the movement: J. M. Ewen, *P*, '80; C. R. Hopkins, *B*, '62; Geo. W. Wiggs, *N*¹, University of Indiana, '74; B. S. Palmer, *I*, '81; A. B. Camp, *N*, '84; M. J. Bliem, *N*, '82; R. E. Clark, *E*, '72; Chas. D. Willard, *A*, '83; John R. Parker, *K*, '71; and Willard Bishop, *K*, '71. The above named are the present resident members, and with Jas. F. Gallaher, *A*, '82, of Michigan City, Ind., who was present at the dinner, compose the Association.

There is quite a number of other members of the fraternity living in the city who have not yet been approached with reference to identifying themselves with the organization, it being thought best to get matters to running smoothly before going at the alumni in a general way. It is expected that the membership will readily be increased to thirty-five before the third meeting is held.

There are probably also a number of members of the fraternity in the city who are unknown to the members of the Association. It is therefore requested that the Chapters of the Fraternity send in lists of such of their members who are in the city; it being particularly desired to obtain the names of any members of the old RAINBOW FRATERNITY; the hand of fellowship will be gladly extended to them.

It has been decided for the present to hold the regular meetings every two months, but it is probable that the monthly plan will be adopted before long. The second reunion will be held on the evening of February 6, at six o'clock P. M., probably at the Tremont House, though that matter rests with the Executive Committee; and any members of the Fraternity who may be in the city are cordially invited to communicate with the Secretary, W. Lowrie McClurg, care of A. C. McClurg & Co., of the city, in order that invitations may be sent them.

Announcements.

THE CONVENTION MINUTES.

WE are requested to announce that, owing to some delay on part of the printer, but principally owing to the failure of many of the chapters to promptly return all chapter reports which had been sent to them for revision, the Minutes of the Louisville Convention cannot be issued until after the Christmas recess. This is much to be regretted, because we had hoped to see the Minutes in print not later than the first of November, so that all of the chapters may know the proceedings of the Convention in detail. If the proper amount of care had been devoted upon the preparation of the chapter reports in the first place, and if they had been compiled by the proper officers during the college session, instead of leaving their preparation to the delegates during the sessions of the Convention, it would not have been necessary to return for revision, as we learn it was found to be necessary, the reports of nearly three-fourths of the chapters, and of several of the officers, and the Convention Minutes would doubtless have been distributed at the anticipated time.

THE LITERARY WORK OF DELTA TAU DELTA.

IN our next number we propose to review the somewhat extensive literary work of the members of the Fraternity during the past few months, including all works not already noticed in our previous reviews. Although but a small proportion of the results of the literary labors of the Fraternity can at any time come under our personal notice, we feel justified in saying that in our judgment Delta Tau Delta may well be proud of the record which her members are making in the literary workshops of the country. It is our desire and ambition to complete this record, and we trust, therefore, that all members who are engaged in such work, or who know others to be so engaged, will favor us with information as to the bibliography of our members and their contributions to the current literature of our papers and magazines. We should be pleased to receive for review and notice all such books, pamphlets and articles, a record of which we deem it our duty to preserve in the pages of this journal.

The Greek World.

THE members of $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ resident in New York City have taken out certificates of incorporation, with the ultimate object of renting a local club house. Five hundred dollars previously raised for this purpose was used in 1879 to save the Upsilon Chapter of the College of the City of New York from serious financial embarrassment.

IN the newspaper advertisements of the University of the South the existence of flourishing chapters of various fraternities is presented as one of the special attractions of the institution — an unusual recognition of the beneficial character of Hellenic influence.

DURING the year ending April 1, 1886, fourteen members of various chapters of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ have resigned or been expelled. The active membership has been 833, and there are fifty-eight chapters. The living members of the fraternity number 4,267.

THE General Convention of $\Delta \Phi$ was held at the $\Delta \Phi$ Club House, 9 East Twenty-sixth street, New York, on November 24, 26 and 27, 1886. Banquet held at the Brunswick, on the eve of 26th. About 150 present.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$, at her late Convention, refused charters to Iowa Agricultural College, University of Pacific and William Jewell College. $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ has re-established at the University of California.

THE General Convention of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ was held at the Grand Central Hotel, New York City, on October 19, 20, 21 and 22, 1886. About one hundred delegates and visitors were present.

ΣX at her last Convention considered the question of changing her colors from blue and gold, to gold, white and black, the colors represented on her badge.

THE Historian of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ states that *sixty* members have been initiated by the chapter at the University of Alabama during the year ending April 1, 1886.

THE Adelbert Chapter of ΔKE , according to the *Beta Theta Pi*, has gone into a serious decline, being reduced to three men.

$\Pi \Delta B \Phi$ (I. C. Sorosis) a Fraternity of nineteen Chapters, entirely in Western colleges, held her Convention in Indianola, Iowa, October 19 to 22.

At the University of Wisconsin, $X \Psi$, $\Phi K \Psi$ and ΣX have chapter-houses, all of which are rented.

$\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ held her National Convention (annual) at Springfield, Ohio, during the last week in October.

ALL the fraternities of the University of California, except $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ live in rented chapter houses.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has withdrawn her charter from the Chapter at Monmouth College.

$B \Theta \Pi$ has revived her Miami Chapter, the mother chapter of the Fraternity.

$\Theta K \Psi$, at Cornell, is domiciled in a rented brick house, newly built.

THE new catalogue of $\Sigma A E$ is ready for delivery.

Alumni News.

Rho—Stevens.

'75. James E. Denton has an article entitled "Comparison of Two Systems of Rock Drilling," in the *Engineering and Mining Journal*, of New York, for October 23, 1886.

'75. Theodore F. Koezly returned from Europe on September 12, after an absence of several months, and is now quite restored in health. He is now with the Schweizer Architectural Iron Works, 4 Stone street, New York City.

'76. Henry A. Beckmeyer was a candidate for Congress in the recent elections, having received the nomination from the Essex County, N. J., Labor Convention. Although defeated, he polled a large vote. He is the private assistant and secretary of Edward Weston, the well known electrician and inventor of Newark, N. J.

'76. William Kent was Secretary of Section "D" on Mechanical Science at the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, in Buffalo, last August. He there read a paper entitled "Proposal for an American Academy of Engineering," which has since been reprinted in *Van Nostrand's Eclectic Engineering Magazine*, of New York, for October, in the *American Engineer*, of Chicago, and has also been reprinted in separate pamphlet form. At the New York meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, in November, he read a paper entitled the "Heating Value of Water Gas."

'77. A. G. Brinckerhoff was recently elected to membership in the American Society of Civil Engineers.

'77. F. E. Idell now has his office at 41 Dey street, New York City, where he represents several machinery firms for the sale of their products.

'77. John Rapelje, was appointed to the position of Assistant Superintendent of the Colorado Division of the Union Pacific Railroad on October 1, with headquarters at Denver, Colorado. During the past year he had been General Road-master of the same division.

'77. Franklin Van Winkle has an office as Consulting Mechanical Engineer at 110 Liberty street, New York City.

'80. George M. Bond is Chairman of the Joint Committee of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and of the American Pipe Manufactu 'Association, which is to devise a new and uniform system of standard pipe threads.

'80. Theodore A. Elliott has opened an office as Consulting Mechanical Engineer, at 202 Main street, Buffalo, N. Y., and is doing well in his new business.

'80. John M. Ewen is draughting for Burnham & Root, the well known architects of Chicago, Ill. His address is Box 1144, Evanston, Ill.

'80. John W. Lieb, Jr., was married on Thursday, July 29, to Miss Minnie Engler, daughter of A. Engler, Esq., of New York City. He sailed for Milan, Italy, on August 10, to resume his duties as Chief Electrician of the Edison Electric Light Company of that city.

'80. Willard P. Parsons is Treasurer of the Hoosick Falls, N. Y., Gas Light Company.

'81. David Jardine, Jr., was married on Wednesday, June 23, to Mary Lyon Noxon, daughter of the late George E. Noxon, Esq., of Syracuse, N. Y.

'81. James B. Ladd was recently promoted to the position of Assistant Engineer of the Southwark Foundry and Machine Company, of Philadelphia, Pa.

'82. William L. Breath now resides at 241 Broad street, Newark, N. J.

'83. Esteban D. Estrada is Assistant Engineer of Tests of the C. P. & St. L. R. R., with headquarters at 1001 Penn street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

'84. Ernest H. Foster spent several months in Montreal, Canada, assisting in the erection and trial of the Worthington pumping engines at the water works of that city.

'85. Arthur G. Glasgow is Secretary and Superintendent of the gas works at Lewiston, Maine, which is operated by the United Gas Improvement Company, of Philadelphia.

'85. Richard H. Rice is with the New England Ship Building Company, of Bath, Maine; his post-office address is Box 942.

'86. William J. Chester will shortly enter the employ of the Pneumatic Tool Company, of New York City.

'86. Edward P. Mowton sailed for Europe last August, with the intention of spending a year in travel and study abroad. His address will be, care of M. Blumenthal's Nachfolger, Hanover, Germany.

'86. Edward D. Self is with John S. Lewis, manufacturer of gas machines, 163 Maiden Lane, New York.

Kappa—Hillsdale.

'69. Will Carleton had a poem, "The Vestal," in *Harpers' Bazar* of October 30, 1886, to commemorate the occasion of the unveiling of the Bartholdi Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor.

'73. Rev. L. A. Crandall had a paper entitled "Theological Training as Modifying Traits of Character in the Student," in the *Baptist Review*, of New York, for July, 1886. He was President of the nineteenth annual session of the New York State Baptist Pastors' Conference, which convened at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., October 26. He frequently acts as Moderator at the weekly conference of the Baptist ministers of New York City.

'70. Albert J. Hopkins was elected a member of the Fiftieth Congress in the Fifth District of Illinois.

Beta Beta—De Pauw.

'73. The Hon. Elisha B. Reynolds has been elected a member of the Indiana House of Representatives.

'76. Married, at high noon, Wednesday, October 27, 1886, at Idlewild, the home of the bride's parents, in New Castle, Indiana, by the Rev. Mr. Ford, Miss Helen Etta Jennings, to Mr. Joseph Crow, Jr., of Bird City, Kansas.

'83. Curtis P. Smith is attending the Cincinnati Law School.

'85. Samuel E. Crose is attending Medical College in Indianapolis.

'86. Ira B. Blackstock is in his father's bank at Paxton, Ill.

'86. James E. McDaniel is teaching school at Bourbon, Ind.

'86. Henry McEnery is a student in the Medical Department of the Tulane University of Louisiana.

'86. Frank D. Wimmer, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. David Wimmer, was born in Hagerstown, Ind., September 16, 1864. He attended the public schools of his native town, graduating from the Hagerstown High School in 1882. He entered the Freshman Class of De Pauw University the following September as a member of the class of 1886. He was initiated into Delta Tau Delta September 13, 1882, and became one of Beta Beta's most prominent and devoted members. During his college life he was a fine scholar, one of the best orators of his class, and during his Senior year Captain in the Military School. April 8, 1886, he married Miss Sadie P. Edson, a daughter of Judge William P. Edson, of Mount Vernon, Ind. He graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy, June 24, 1886. He was admitted to practice in the Circuit and Supreme Courts of Indiana and was a member of the law firm of Edson & Wimmer, his father-in-law being the senior member of the firm. He died quite suddenly of typhoid fever, Sunday morning, August 15, 1886, at his home in Mount Vernon, Ind., and was buried at Mount Vernon the following Tuesday.

'87. The Hon. George E. Nolin has been elected a member of the Indiana House of Representatives.

Zeta Prime—Monmouth.

'69. Professor Thomas H. McBride, of the University of Iowa, has an article in the *Popular Science Monthly*, for December, 1886, entitled "Energy in Plant-cells."

'70. Reed Stuart has accepted the charge of the First Unitarian Church of Detroit. Of Bro. Reed the *Detroit News* says that "He is a man of strong common sense, distinguished for simplicity and earnestness. His views are liberal but orthodox. Hearers cannot fail to be attracted by his boldness of speech. He is often picturesque, always clear, direct and eloquent. Between himself and congregation there is a strong and singular bond of union and sympathy, resulting in the highest mutual good and profit. One of Mr. Stuart's peculiarities is his strenuous objection to the prefix 'Rev.,' and one of his favorite recreations is hunting."

Epsilon—Albion.

'78. J. C. Camburn spent a few days recently with his mother and sister, of this city. Bro. Camburn is traveling for the Battle Creek School Furniture Company.

'76. E. B. Bancroft is Pastor of the Wesley M. E. Church of Detroit, Mich. Bro. Bancroft is a rising member of the Detroit Conference.

'70. J. H. Riddick is pastor of the M. E. Church of Coldwater, Mich.

'87. Thomas Cox, formerly of '87, is Pastor of the M. E. Church at Concord, Mich. Bro. Cox is also pursuing select studies in the College.

'88. J. W. Arney is preaching with marked success at Springport, Mich. Bro. Arney will complete his course after this year.

'83. Married, November 9, 1886, at the home of the bride's parents, at Concord, Mich., Mr. Marshall Bacon, formerly of '83, to Miss Alise Smalley, '85.

'80. Geo. P. Brown was Republican nominee for County Clerk of Mackinac County.

'78. Charles H. Chase is traveling in Northern Iowa and Southern Minnesota for a leading dry goods house.

'76. J. C. Jocelyn is foreman of the boot and shoe department of the Jackson State Prison.

Nu Prime—Indiana University.

'72. General Thomas M. Browne, has been re-elected a member of Congress from Indiana.

Phi—Hanover.

'81. The Rev. Clarence E. Brandt graduated at the Western Theological Seminary, Chicago, in May, and was recently ordained priest by Bishop Knickerbocker. He has resigned his position as the Assistant Rector of Trinity Church, Michigan City, Ind., and is now the Assistant Rector of the Church of the Holy Comforter, Philadelphia.

'83. R. F. Weems is practicing law at Vincennes, Ind.

'85. W. R. Stratford is wintering at Vevay, Ind.

'85. J. H. Hamilton is attending Cincinnati Law School, and is with a Temple Bar law firm.

'85. R. H. Olmsted is attending Cincinnati Law School, and is with the law firm of Lincoln, Stevens & Lincoln.

'85. C. R. Melcher is in Germany, completing his education in German.

'76. E. G. Henry is in law practice at New Albany, Ind.

'78. O. E. Arbuckle is now living in Hanover, Ind.

'82. J. P. Ramsey is still stationed at Pike's Peak, Colo., in U. S. Signal Service.

'82. C. A. Smith is still attending Cincinnati, Ohio, Law School.

'83. C. B. Smith is in drug business at Vincennes.

Gamma—Washington and Jefferson.

'69. N. N. Hurst, M.D., is proprietor of a large drug store at 3906 State street, Chicago, and enjoys an extensive practice in the city.

'68. The Hon. W. J. Davis holds over as a member of the Indiana Senate.

'73. J. F. Dunshee is the Chief of the Receiving Department of the National Tube Works, McKeesport, Pa.

'79. J. F. Penny is the Proprietor of the McKeesport, Pa., foundry.

Tau—Franklin and Marshall.

'86. N. J. Blackwood is studying medicine in Philadelphia.

'86. D. H. Sensenig is studying law with J. Hay Brown at Lancaster.

'86. A. M. Pifer is in the Theological Seminary connected with the College.

'84. H. Wanner is practicing law at his home in Reading, Pa.

'86. Dan'l Albright is at his home in Reading. He intends coming to the seminary next year.

'86. J. H. Gerhart is at his home, Lancaster.

Nu—Lafayette.

'82. M. J. Bleim is practicing medicine in Chicago, Ill., located at 595 La Salle avenue.

'84. A. C. Campbell has lately been admitted to the bar of Luzerne county, Penn., and has hung out his shingle in Wilkesbarre.

'87. Harry S. Saylor is now located in Minneapolis, Minn.

'88. R. C. Montelius is also in Minneapolis.

'86. G. B. Stear is practicing law in Norton, Kansas, a member of the firm of Thompson, Jones & Stear; is also editor of the Norton *Democrat*, a weekly newspaper of his city. At the last election Bro. Stear was the regular Democratic candidate for County Attorney, and ran over 300 votes ahead of his ticket; defeated by the narrow majority of 200 in a reliable Republican county.

'87. J. M. Hanna is with the firm of Hanna, Platter & Waples, wholesale grocers, Denison City, Texas.

Beta—Ohio University.

'72. W. W. Gist recently published a work on language, which has received universal commendation.

Alpha—Alleghany.

'81. C. W. Fish is pursuing a course of medical studies in Vienna.

'78. David Jameson, a leading young lawyer of New Castle, Pa., was recently married to Miss Jessie Allen, of Hermitage, Pa.

'83. Will C. Fish is traveling agent for the Meadville Glass Works Co.

'85. Duff Merrick is editing a newspaper at Ashville, N. C.

'82. J. D. Watson is now studying law in Pittsburgh.

'82. C. M. Blair, with W. L. Larned, owns the glove departments in the great Chicago retail houses of A. S. Gage & Co., and Partridge's.

'84. E. W. Day is studying medicine in addition to his signal service duties. He is now stationed at Washington, D. C.

Beta Theta—Butler.

'80. J. B. Curtis camped at Upper Saranac Lake, N. Y., the past summer, and had the honor of entertaining President Cleveland and wife.

'86. M. O. Naramore is principal of the high school at Lena, Ill.

'83. Harry Allen is now with the firm of McClintock & Co., Pittsburgh.

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THE FIRST GREEK-LETTER FRATERNITY.

PHI BETA KAPPA.

(Concluded.)

THE state of finances of the chapter was beyond praise, the accounts of each successive treasurer showing a constantly increasing fund. There seems, at first, to have been no idea of extending the fraternity farther than to "collegians who have arrived at the age of sixteen years, and from the Grammar Master upwards," that is, to those who were yet connected with the college, and who had completed their Greek and Latin studies (which were taught in the grammar school). But December 10, 1778, it was "resolved that future admission to this Society be not confined to collegians," this apparently, in favor of officers of the patriot army stationed in the vicinity. And May 24, 1779, upon a suggestion

"that it may lead to promote the designs of this institution, and redound to the honor and advantage thereof at the same time, and that others, more remote or distant, will be attached thereto. Resolved, that leave be given to prepare the form or ordinance of a charter party to be entrusted with such two or more brothers of the $\Phi B K$ as (to) the general meeting shall on due application for the same be thought to merit such a trust, with delegated powers to constitute, establish, and initiate a fraternity correspondent with this."

In general accord with this plan, the mother chapter, or "general meeting," proceeded to grant its most trusted members charter-party to establish other "meetings" to be known by the Greek letters, respectively, evidently having in mind the establishment of "branches," as the new "meetings" were also called, in Virginia towns where prominent members resided, the charter running to the delegate and not to the neophytes, and not necessarily naming the precise place where the new "meeting" was to be established. The system thus planned was one of which the "general meeting"

at the capital city and State college was to be the Alpha or head, with branches in the principal county towns; an organization somewhat like the ecclesiastical one of which the President of the college, Bishop Madison, was the head. July 10, 1779, a charter was granted Samuel Hardy to institute a meeting to be known as the Beta, on the next day, another to William Stuart for a Gamma, and August 14, thereafter, a third to William Cabell for a Delta. Meanwhile, Elisha Parmele, a young graduate of Harvard, who had also attended Yale, had been initiated July 31, 1779. December 4, thereafter, he petitioned for and was granted a charter for an Epsilon at Harvard, followed on the 9th of the same month by another for a Zeta at Yale. March 11, 1780, John Beckley was delegated to establish an Eta at Richmond, and May 18, 1780, George Lee Tuberville was authorized to institute a Theta at Westmoreland. Of the fate of the *B, Γ, Δ, H, and Θ*, nothing is known; but it is probable that all of them were instituted, and almost certain that none survived the Revolution, which destroyed the fraternity system of which *Φ B K*, at William and Mary, was the head, and left heir to its name the two anomalous—one of them posthumous—New England scions, which were to develop into so radically different an organization.

The history of the Virginia fraternity is a pleasant one—of congenial spirits in intimate intercourse, with a good, healthy way of looking at things, and a hearty fashion of taking life as it came—and it was coming fast in those years. 1780 was the most prosperous year *Φ B K* ever had; but in the latter months the war closed in about Williamsburgh; the absence of members serving in the ranks caused the anniversary to be sparsely attended, and in January the college suspended. Of these last days the minutes best tell the story:

At a meeting at the Raleigh on the 5th of December to celebrate the anniversary of this noble institution, were present: Mr. Brent, Vice-President, Mr. Roane, Mr. L. Cabell, Mr. Richard Lee, and Mr. Cocke. Mr. Brent, V. Pt. pro tempore, took the Chair; the Clerk being absent, Mr. L. Cabell was appointed. The V. Pt. left the chair and called Mr. Roane to ye same. Mr. Rd. Lee according to appointment then proceeded to declaim on the progress of the Arts and Sciences. President Short, who was likewise to declaim on this night, being absent, and the business of the night being over, Mr. Brent returned to the Chair; the remainder of the evening was spent in sociability and mirth. Mr. John Stuart and Mr. Theod'k Fitzhugh were both absent; an adjournment took place.

1781, on Saturday the 6th of January, a meeting of the $\Phi B K$ was called for the purpose of securing the Papers of the Society during the Confusion of the Times and the present Dissolution which threatens the University. The members who attended were William Short, Daniel C. Brent, Spencer Roane, Peyton Short, and Landon Cabell. They thinking it most desirable that the Papers should not be removed determined to deliver them sealed into the Hands of the College Steward, to remain with him until the desirable event of the Society is Resurrection. And this Deposit they make in the sure and certain Hope that the Fraternity will one Day rise [in] Life everlasting and Glory immortal.

Thus suspending its formal activity, the fraternity entered upon that part of its career by which such an organization must stand or fall—the history made by its members. Carrying with him the seal of $\Phi B K$, Archibald Stuart was among the young Virginians who met Cornwallis at Guilford, in which battle his father, Major Alexander Stuart, commanding a Virginia regiment, was seriously wounded and taken prisoner. Returning home after the battle, young Stuart put the seal in a secret drawer in his house, near Staunton—where, after his death, it was found in 1832—afterward studied law under Thomas Jefferson, was a member of the General Assembly and of the Convention of 1787, which ratified the Constitution,—for which he voted,—became Judge and member of Congress, and was a member of seven electoral colleges, casting the vote of his State in every election from 1800 to 1824, inclusive. William Short, the President, was Jefferson's Secretary of Legation at Paris in 1784, and afterward Washington's charge d' Affaires there, receiving the first commission signed by a President of the United States, and, after a long and useful diplomatic career, still in health and vigor, with undiminished interest in $\Phi B K$, assisted in 1850 in the revival of his chapter after its slumber of seventy years. Spencer Roane became Judge of the Virginia Court of Appeals; Bushrod Washington became an Associate Justice, and John Marshall Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, while nearly every name on the roll of members has a history well worth telling.

We can imagine the laughter that would have infected the genial company, had one of their number in a merry quip, speaking as of date a century in the future, credited—or debited—them with the high-flying ideas and ambitious plans which have been attributed to them. The cause of all this distortion of their good-

humored features and their perfectly practical aims is hinted at in a remark of Mr. Hale :

" He (Elisha Parmele) is to be regarded as the founder of $\Phi B K$ as we know it."

In December, 1779, charters had been granted to Parmele to found chapters at Yale and Harvard. These chapters were instituted November, 1780, and September, 1781, respectively. Neither, therefore, was fairly in operation—one of them had not come into being—when all intercourse was suspended with the parent chapter, which remained inactive for seventy years, or until long after her children were petrified. By Parmele, therefore, was guided the infancy of the New England chapters, and since through them $\Phi B K$, of post-revolutionary times, was propagated, the impulse which he gave became its characteristic. Born at Goshen, Connecticut, on the 23d anniversary of Washington's birthday, prepared for college by the Rev. Mr. Robbins, of Norfolk, in the same State, he entered Yale just before the Revolution, left it when college exercises were suspended on account of the war, and graduated at Harvard in 1778 (a transcript of St. Paul's speech at Athens, *ens*, into the Syriac character, still extant, beautifully done, is supposed to have been his exhibition-piece), and afterward attended William and Mary College, where he seems to have continued his preparation for the ministry, and where he was initiated into $\Phi B K$, July 31, 1779. By the place of his birth and circumstances of his education, even more than by his plans and maturer years, he was a contrast to the young Virginians with whom he was thus brought into intimacy. Of delicate health, and with the mental and spiritual precocity of one nearly worn-out with consumption, of reflective disposition and given to meditate on things divine, he seems to have been peculiarly beloved by those about him. December 4, 1779, he petitioned for "a charter-party to establish a branch of the society at Cambridge, in Massachusetts." This was the first suggestion of a chapter at any particular college, or outside of Virginia. This petition was "granted to be called *Επισίλον*." Mr. Parmele (who had probably already gone North, and who, after so doing, never communicated with the parent chapter) had views as to the functions and methods of $\Phi B K$ not in accord with those of a majority of his brethren, but which the presiding officer seems to have favored, for we read :

" At a meeting convened on ye Evening of ye 5th December, 1779, Mr. President leaving ye Chair, called Mr. Brown to the same, Mr. President suggesting ye necessity of making some innovation in ye form of Charter Party to introduce it properly and giving it an extensive footing in ye State of Massachusetts-Bay proposes some amendments to ye same, which being read in their proper places, were accorded to. Resolved, that so much of Mr. Parmele's petition as relates to ye Establishment of a Phi Society to be conducted in a less mysterious manner than the $\Phi B K$, be not agreed to, as ye design appears to be incompatible with ye principles of this meeting. Ordered, however, that Mr. Parmele be thanked for ye proof which he has given of his zeal by openly communicating his sentiments to this society. Mr. President and Mr. Cocke appointed to do ye same. Adjournment took place.

W. SHORT, JR., Prest.

" At a meeting called by the President December 9, 1779, Mr. President leaving the Chair, called Mr. Stuart to the same. The Clerk being absent, Mr. Brent is appointed, pro tempore. Whereas, this Society is desirous that the $\Phi B K$ should be extended to each of the United States. Resolved, that a second Charter be Granted to our Brother, Mr. Elisha Parmele, for establishing a meeting of the same, in the College of New Haven and Connecticut, to be of the same Rank, to have the same Power and to enjoy the same Privileges with that which he is empowered to fix in the University of Cambridge, to be called the $\Sigma\eta\tau\alpha$. An adjournment took place.

W. SHORT, JR., Prest.

Thus into the hands of the young student of divinity, whose ideas for the development of $\Phi B K$ were probably as far from those of his brothers as were their lives from his, were placed two charters, worded differently from those the fraternity were wont to grant, this in pursuance not of its own plans, but of those of Mr. Parmele, in which it but partially concurred. He went North, instituted chapters at Yale and Harvard, was ordained as minister of a church at Lee, Massachusetts, was stricken down by consumption, and in July, 1784, journeying southward with his wife, was overtaken by death at the residence of Col. William Byrd, in Shenandoah county, Va.

The $\Phi B K$ founded by John Heath and others had been out of existence for fifty years when the anti-secret society excitement arising from the Morgan mystery culminated. The $\Phi B K$ founded by Elisha Parmele was not so moribund but that its existence attracted attention, and, yielding to the public clamor, urged thereto by John Quincy Adams,—but by what right has never been suggested,—the Harvard Chapter, in 1831, gave up not only her individual secrets, but those she had possessed of the original organization.

In 1849 the records of the chapter at William and Mary came into the hands of the Historical Society of Virginia. It was found that William Short, President at the time of the suspension in 1781, was still living at Philadelphia, and through him the parent chapter was revived in name. But the $\Phi B K$ of New England had discarded what had given most vigor to the old fraternity; its life had become a trance, its privacy had been turned into history. Without an attempt—which would probably have failed—to resuscitate the old spirit, it accepted its fate, and first drowsed and then slumbered under the narcotic of philosophy, which had put its namesakes asleep.

The little Greek-letter fraternity of 1776 made a success of its modest effort, and struck a chord to which the hearts of generous youth have ever been attuned. The organization which bears its name may yet establish its claims to an equally practical aim and an equally well-filled mission. There is still room for a Tugenbund, such as latter-day $\Phi B K$ orators are wont to picture. At their disposal are numbers, wealth, prestige, opportunity.

JOHN DEWITT WARNER.

Alumni Associations.

NEW YORK ALUMNI.

THE New Alumni Association met for its seventh regular meeting and its third social reunion of the present season, on Saturday, December 11, 1886, at Martinelli's, 136 Fifth avenue, New York City. The following gentlemen were present: Andrew Bryson, *K*, '67; A. H. Roudebush, *A*, '70; William Kent, *P*, '76; A. P. Trautwein, *P*, '76; W. I. Cooper, *P*, '77; F. E. Idell, *P*, '77; H. T. Bruck, *P*, '78; L. J. Bruck, *P*, '78; W. W. Cook, *A*, '80; H. S. Pope, *P*, '81; H. W. Collingwood, *I*, '83; F. F. Martinez, Σ , '83; J. A. Bense, *P*, '84, and W. L. Lyall, *P*, '84. There were further present, as guests of the evening, Lieutenant John P. Finley, *I*, '73, Signal Service, U. S. A., well known for his researches into the origin and characteristics of tornadoes, and William Clark Bu-

chanan, Θ, '73, who in 1877 founded the *Crescent*, and did so much toward its success in its early days.

The Association dined, as usual, at six o'clock, and at eight o'clock had its regular business meeting, with Andrew Bryson, K, '67, in the chair, in the absence of the President, Rev. L. A. Crandall, K, '73.

The Secretary read letters from the following members, regretting their inability to be present. Will Carleton, K, '69; L. A. Mathey, P, '80, and C. O. Johnson, Ψ, '83. The election to membership in the resident class of L. A. Mathey, P, '80, and C. O. Johnson, Ψ, '83, was announced, and letters were read from these gentlemen accepting the election.

The Secretary announced the reorganization of the Chicago and Nashville Alumni Associations, during the month of November, upon a plan somewhat similar to that of the New York Association. Progress was reported from other cities in the matter of organizing the alumni interests of the fraternity in the same.

On motion of W. W. Cook, Δ, '80, the Secretary was instructed to communicate with the Alumni Associations already organized in other cities, with a view of arranging, if possible, for the formation of a General Executive Committee, composed of two members of each Alumni Association, one being its Secretary, and which shall devise plans for extending and properly directing the alumni movements of the Fraternity; for creating concerted action in all matters in which the alumni are interested; for issuing, if practicable, a uniform membership card which would be accepted by all of the associations; for publishing, under one cover, a membership list of the several associations, and, generally, to take under advisement any plans tending to promote the joint interests of the several associations.

The Association then discussed in a vigorous manner the "Doctrines of Henry George on Private Property in Land," his plan of taxation, the views of Herbert Spencer and of John Stuart Mill, and similar related topics were thoroughly ventilated by Bros. Cook, Kent, Pope, Collingwood, Buchanan, Roudebush and others who participated in the discussion of this, one of the salient topics of the political present.

The Association resolved to have its next monthly reunion on Saturday, January 15, 1887, and decided upon the following sub-

ject for the after-dinner talk : "The Best Methods of Regulating the Liquor Traffic." It was further resolved to abandon the regular meeting of February, and to meet instead at the banquet upon the occasion of the Annual Conference of the Eastern Division of the Fraternity, on Monday, February 22, 1887. The meeting, one of the most successful which the Association has thus far held, adjourned at 10.30 o'clock, P. M.

The regular monthly meeting of the New York Alumni Association was held on Saturday, January 15, 1887, at six o'clock P. M., at Martinelli's, New York City. The following brothers were present: Andrew Bryson, *K*¹, '67; William Kent, *P*, '76; Alfred P. Trautwein, *P*, '76; Lewis H. Nash, *P*, '77; Alexander G. Brinckerhoff, *P*, '77; Dr. John A. Bolard, *A*, '78; Henry I. Bruck, *P*, '78; Louis J. Bruck, *P*, '78; William W. Cook, *A*, '80; F. F. Martinez, *Σ*, '82; John A. Bense, *P*, '81; William L. Lyall, *P*, '84; Charles A. Parker, *P*, '84, and Anthony Arndux, *Σ*, '86. Bro. Bryson presided over the meeting.

The Secretary read a letter from Walter L. McClurg, Secretary of the Chicago Alumni Association, containing a statement of the present condition of the Chapter, and outlining its plans for the future. Letters of regret at their inability to be present were received from Lieut. John P. Finley, *I*, '73; Almon H. Roudebush, *A*, '70; William Griffith, *A*, '76; William I. Cooper, *P*, '77; F. E. Idell, *P*, '77, and a telegram from Hon. Albert J. Hopkins, M. C., *K*, '70.

The election to membership in the resident class of Herbert W. Collingwood, *I*, '82, and Frederick T. Martinez, *Σ*, '82, was announced. W. W. Cook and A. P. Trautwein were appointed a committee to report in writing, at the next regular meeting of the Association, a scheme for extending and regulating the alumni interests of the Fraternity, and of securing the co-operation of the other Alumni Associations in the matter. A. H. Roudebush and A. P. Trautwein were appointed delegates to the Fifth Conference of the Eastern Division of the Fraternity, on February 22, 1887.

The Association then discussed "The Best Methods of Regulating the Liquor Traffic," in which Brothers Bolard, Cook, Kent, Nash, Trautwein, L. J. Bruck and Bryson participated.

The next meeting will be upon the occasion of the Fifth Annual Conference of the Eastern Division of the Fraternity, on

Tuesday, February 22, 1887, when the Association will be present at the Conference Banquet.

THE EASTERN DIVISION CONFERENCE.

The Fifth Annual Conference of the Eastern Division of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 1887, in the City of New York. The arrangements are now being made by a committee appointed by the Rho, under whose auspices the conference will be conducted. Rev. L. A. Crandall, *K*, '73, is President; A. P. Trautwein, *P*, '76, First Vice President; Orrin Serfass, *N*, '82, Second Vice President, and B. E. Gregory, *T*, '88, Secretary of the Conference. William Kent, *P*, '76, will make an address, and H. W. Collingwood, *I*, '82, will read a poem. The sessions will be, as last year, in the hall of the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, 18 East Sixteenth street, which has been kindly placed at the disposal of the Conference.

Two sessions will be held, one in the morning at ten o'clock, and the other in the afternoon. A banquet will be held at seven o'clock in the evening, when the New York Alumni Association will join with the undergraduates.

William D. Hoxie, 357 Garden street, Hoboken, N. J., is Secretary of the Committee of Arrangements. All chapters are invited to send him the names of any of their members who may have occasion to be in New York City at the time.

Editorial.

CHAPTER EXAMINATIONS.

ONE of our chapters some time ago adopted what we regard as a most excellent plan of compelling its members to learn the fundamental facts connected with the constitution and laws of the Fraternity. All of its initiates are compelled to undergo an examination upon a series of carefully prepared questions pertaining to the organic law of the Fraternity. To facilitate this they are supplied with these questions and the appropriate answers to them,

and are given two weeks, during which preparation for the examination may be made ; this examination is conducted in open chapter meeting by a committee appointed for that purpose, and upon whose decision is dependent the candidate's admission to full membership ; until so admitted the candidate is denied the privilege of voice in the chapter's affairs, except, of course, that he retains his vote upon questions of membership. As already said, we regard this as an excellent plan, which we can commend to the attention of all of our chapters as one calculated to lead to a more intimate and general knowledge of our laws. We think that it could well be extended so as to include an examination upon the chapter by-laws and the history of the Fraternity, as recorded in the Fifth General Catalogue. This may seem a somewhat severe strain upon the versatility of the novitiate ; and it would be well, at all events, to make a somewhat intimate acquaintance with the details of our laws, as ascertained by an examination, one of the prerequisites to the holding of at least the more important chapter offices, which are usually much sought after, and not always well filled.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE arrangements for the publication of THE RAINBOW were completed at so late a date that it seemed best to the Council to consolidate the three numbers of the fall term into two. The remaining six numbers of the year, commencing with the present (February) number, will be published on the first days of February, March, April, May, June and July. Manuscript should be placed in the hands of the editor not later than the 15th day of each month.

WEARING THE BADGE.

WHEN Brother Watson urges us to wear our badges on the outer wall, we do not believe he would have us imitate the wretched custom which obtains in some colleges, namely, that of wearing the badge on the coat lapel. A loud and public display of fraternity jewelry is contrary to the canons of good sense, good taste and good breeding, and is no more commendable in the undergraduate than it is becoming in a dignified and self-respecting alumnus.

We wear our pins, we take it, not to attract public attention or arouse general curiosity, but simply that Delta Taus may recognize each other as mutual participants in the common weal or woe of their fraternity. And this object can be accomplished by wearing the badge quietly, decorously, unobtrusively, without offensively advertising to a curious, perhaps an envious and jealous world, that you have been exalted above your fellow-men.

Delta Tau Delta in Literature.

[Devoted to Notices and Reviews of the Works of Members of the Fraternity.]

MEMORIAL ADDRESS ON THE DEATH OF HON. REUBEN ELLWOOD, M. C. FROM ILLINOIS. By Hon. Albert J. Hopkins (Kappa, '70). *Congressional Record*, January 29, 1886.

THE EDUCATION OF THE CONSCIENCE. By Prof. William S. Eversole (Beta, '69), Superintendent of the Public Schools, Wooster, Ohio. A paper read before the Northeastern Ohio Teachers' Association. *The Ohio Educational Monthly and National Teacher*, May, 1886.

A PLAIN STATEMENT OF THE LAWS RELATING TO LABOR. By Henry A. Haigh (Iota, '74). 8vo. 80 pp. Detroit, Mich.: The Co-operative Publishing Company, 1886.

This pamphlet, published during the prevalence of the recent labor troubles, which made its appearance timely and opportune, contains in concise form all the statute laws of the State of Michigan which bear in any way upon the subject of labor. It contains in addition those chapters of the author's well-known "Handbook of the Law" which touch upon the labor question.

CHICAGO A THOUSAND YEARS HENCE. By Dr. James N. Matthews (Upsilon Prime, '72). A poem in the *Chicago Current*, June 12, 1886.

THAT DAY WE GRADUATED. By Will Carleton (Kappa, '69.) A poem in *Harpers' Weekly*, June 19, 1886.

ENGINEERS' INSTRUMENTS: THEIR CONSTRUCTION AND USE. By Prof. Ira O. Baker (Upsilon Prime, '72), Professor of Civil Engineering in the Illinois State University. A series of articles of acknowledged merit and usefulness in *Engineering News*, August 7, 1886, *et seq.*

THE CAPACITY OF DRAIN TILES AND OPEN DITCHES. By Prof. Ira O. Baker (Upsilon Prime, '72). *Engineering News*, September 4, 1886.

MIDNIGHT ITEMS AND SPARE MOMENT SCRAPS. By Isaac T. Headland (Sigma Prime, '84). 12mo., 176 pp. Cincinnati, Ohio: Central Publishing House, 1886.

A volume of poems and essays, which constitute Bro. Headland's first efforts in this rather ambitious field of literature. Some of the poems give evidence of undoubted merit, while others, as might be expected, lack that literary finish, however good in sentiment and ideas, which experience alone can command.

TORNADO STUDY: ITS PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE. By John P. Finley (Iota, '73), Second Lieutenant Signal Corps, U. S. A. *Journal of the Franklin Institute*, April, 1886.

This was the subject of a lecture delivered at the invitation of the Franklin Institute, of Philadelphia, about a year ago; from the fact that the lecturer has for some years been engaged principally in this branch of meteorological work, under the special direction of the Chief Signal Officer, and has contributed so much valuable information upon the subject, the lecture was reprinted quite extensively in the scientific journals and magazines with uniformly favorable comment. It has recently been reprinted in a pamphlet of some twenty-two pages from the *Journal of the Franklin Institute*.

THERE IS NO LUCK ABOUT THE HOUSE. By Dr. James N. Matthews (Upsilon Prime, '72). A poem in the *Chicago Current*, September 11, 1886.

MISCELLANEOUS STORIES. "Ike Barber's Hotel"; "Barney's Mother"; "Raymond's Temperance Talk"; "Deaf George." By Herbert W. Collingwood (Iota, '83).

A series of charming little stories, touching principally upon rural life in Northern Michigan, which have appeared from time to time in the several newspapers which are supplied by the method known as "McClure's Syndicate," with stories from the pens of many of our most promising young novelists. This ensures the publication, simultaneously in many of the leading newspapers of the country; of these stories, introducing the authors to a reading public of a magnitude and character which does not usually fall to the lot of brief stories, however meritorious and skillful in plot and language.

TORNADO STUDIES FOR SEPTEMBER, 1886. By John P. Finley (Iota, '73), Second Lieutenant Signal Service, U. S. A. *Monthly Weather Review*, September, 1886.

- PROPOSAL FOR AN AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING.** By William Kent (Rho, '76). A paper read at the Buffalo meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, August, 1886. *Van Nostrand's Eclectic Engineering Magazine*, October, 1886.
- COMPARISON OF TWO SYSTEMS OF ROCK DRILLING.** By Prof. James E. Denton (Rho, '75). *Engineering and Mining Journal*, October 23, 1886.
- THE VESTAL.** By Will Carleton (Kappa, '69). A poem commemorative of the unveiling of the Bartholdi Statue of Liberty, in New York Harbor, October 28, 1886. *Harper's Bazar*, October 30, 1886.
- TORNADO CIRCULAR NUMBER ONE (New Series).** By John P. Finley (Iota, '73), Second Lieutenant Signal Service, U. S. A. A series of instructions for the observation of tornadoes and other effects; prepared under the direction of the Chief Signal Officer, U. S. A. 24 pp. Washington, D. C., 1886.
- OUR GUEST.** By Dr. James N. Matthews (Upsilon Prime, '72). A poem read at the public entertainment of the American Association of Writers, Indianapolis, October 6, 1886.
- INSANITY IN THE COLORED RACE.** J. M. Buchanan, M. D. (II, '78). Meridian, Miss., 1886,

An essay originally published in the New York *Medical Journal* of July 17, 1886, and now reprinted in pamphlet form. Bro. Buchanan, lately assistant physician to the East Mississippi Insane Asylum, in this essay vividly portrays the mental evils which the sudden transformation from slavery to freedom has inflicted upon the colored race, and intelligently discusses the causes of the remarkable increase of insanity in the negro population of the South. The paper closes with an earnest appeal to the sympathy and benefaction of the country, in order that these our wards may receive that care and attention which our modern civilization demands.

Chapter Letters.

Omicron—University of Iowa.

TOWARD the last of previous term Omicron surprised the Greek world by initiating into Delta's circle Charles Eddington Mills and John Morchinson Grimm, two Juniors, who have had offered to them for three years the hospitality of the various fraternities located at our University. However, by refusing constantly the invitations extended them, they became known as a conservative element. That they are strong men and a welcome acquisition to Delta Tau, their position in school politics conclusively proves. The first named is on the editorial staff of our College paper, and the latter is President of the Oratorical Association. The home of the former is at Cedar Rapids; the latter registers from Williamsburg, Iowa. Thus Omicron in the past term has brought to Delta's banners six good and promising Freshmen and two strong and tried Juniors. But another surprise took place in frat circles. The Sigma Chis were once, but are no more. What the cause inducing them to give up their charter, we know not, but Omicron sincerely regrets the unfortunate occurrence, for the Sigs proved themselves to be good, true and reliable friends, and Delta Tau knows how to value such friends. The Beta Theta Pis took unto themselves one of the former members of the Sig's Chapter, and celebrated it as a great gain. Would Beta have done so a year ago? We doubt it; but circumstances alter cases, and so the Betas have also found it convenient to their present situation to form a co-partnership with the Delta Gammas, the latter sharing the former's rooms. The Betas number 14, Phi Deltas 12, the Phi Kappas 13, the Deltas 18, and of the Soroses the Kappa K. Gamma number 14, and the Delta Gamma 8. During the last term Omicron gave four receptions, at which dancing formed one of the most prominent features. Being fond of this pleasure, we have purchased an elegant canvas for our dancing hall, and that at the same time our reception rooms and library received due attention, several pieces of fine furniture for the parlor and a number of new books for the library bear witness.

The preliminary contests for the State Oratorical Contest took place at the Opera House January 12, 1887. Of the six contestants two were Deltas, Bro. E. A. Nichols, whose subject was "Materialism," while Bro. C. E. Pickett chose for his oration "The Jewish Faith." The latter's delivery was without a doubt the finest, though he ranked but three in the outcome. This average, however, entitles him to second place. The successful orator was B. F. Craven, with "The Soul's Hermitage" as subject.

Epsilon—Albion.

EIGHTEEN-EIGHTY-SEVEN having made its *debut*, Epsilon's mystical combination drew back the lock promptly at seven o'clock on Saturday evening, January 8, and admitted into her sacred halls the same thirteen men who bore her burdens during last term. During the vacation her sons have not faltered, but, with ever-increasing zeal, have been preparing to make this term a thoroughly successful one. However, we can never begin a year, not even a term, without stopping to remember our alumna brothers, and it is a frequent occurrence in our meetings to cast thoughtful and pleasant reflections upon the worthy deeds of our brothers who have graduated from our midst. We hear from many of them occasionally, and yet we desire through this journal, which is theirs as well as ours, to ask *all* of our alumni to remember Epsilon. You used to love her; she thinks of you now. And while you are receiving the buffetings of a partial world, can you not find some time to send us cheering words of fraternal guidance which shall lift higher, in purpose and affection, those noble precepts of our order. We need your advice and assistance. The relation between actives and alumni ought to be so compact as to always manifest an interest in each other's welfare. We extend a standing invitation, in fact, a brotherly importunity, that all our alumni will sustain their old-time interests in Epsilon and the Fraternity. We are in receipt of a very beautiful wall ornament as the gift of Miss Minnie Faxon, of Duplain, and Miss Emma Warren, of Albion, both loyal Delta sisters. The ornament is in our fraternity colors, and is evidence of the neat and tasty workmanship which only ladies can perform. Long live our Delta girls! Bro. J. S. McCarthy attended, as delegate, the Prohibition Convention held in Cleveland, Ohio, the 4th inst. Epsilon wishes to acknowledge the

receipt of two numbers of the *Rho Chronicle*, and extends her thanks for the same. That prosperity and healthy growth may attend every chapter of our fraternity, is the New Year's wish of Epsilon.

Rho—Stevens.

ONE of the best loved and most candid members of Rho earnestly besought us, not long ago, "to write a *good* letter this time," a remark which caused a creepy sensation in our back and a feeling of "goneness" in our stomach (the kind of feeling that one has when swinging in a high swing very highly). If we were to reason with that member, we would probably adopt a line of argument somewhat similar to the following: Given *in* facts (gathered in two months at hard labor), what would you do to make the said facts interesting to several hundred persons, who are supposed to peruse them with care? Would you call in the aid of imagination? Would you sacrifice veracity and pander to the prevailing spirit of the time—the desire for excitement? Or, would you start on the basis that truth alone and unadorned is ever beautiful, and needs no embellishment of thought to render it supremely interesting? What! Did I hear some one cry "Dry up"? Yes. All right, sir. Very well, sir. I *will* dry up. I'll wash my hands of the whole thing. I care not now whether my facts come before you in their common conversational clothes, or in their elegant Rainbow dress. If my attempts to beautify them are received thus, they shall shift for themselves. Allow me to introduce Fact No. 1,—This Chapter has had a pair of foils presented to it on condition that it buys (and pays for) a pair of masks (to be used in conjunction with the aforesaid foils). Fact No. 2,—The masks were bought. Fact No. 3,—And paid for. Fact No. 4,—We received a visit from Bro. Cullum. Alas! the next fact is going to be so interesting that we are tempted to break our resolution to let every one take care of itself. We *shall* break it, and we shall stand sponsor to this fact, and usher it in with ceremony. It is a very interesting fact, and we are going to thank the persons who gave it to us. Fact No. 5,—We received the *Reserve* from our brothers of Zeta, and from this creditable publication we were profoundly gratified to learn that *B Θ II* has established representative chapters at Berea University, at Berea Grammar School, at the Berea Preparatory School, and

at Miss Wooglan's Grammar School. May the peace of Heaven descend upon the babes of *B Θ II*'s new chapters. Fact No. 6,—The Corresponding Secretary is very sorry he didn't write a chapter letter for *THE RAINBOW* last month; the more so as he received no rebuke save from his own conscience and the large number of chapter letters printed. Fact No. 7,—(This is the last but one.) Rho has recently instituted a custom which is likely to prove of the utmost value to its members, the benefits arising from it being difficult to estimate completely. We speak of the visits of inspection that Rho has been making to various large iron works, manufacturing, etc., to the owners or superintendents of which we obtain letters of introduction through the kindness of our numerous and loyal alumni. For a full account of these tours we must refer the reader to the *Rho Chronicle*, as we presume that there is a limit to the space which a chapter letter is allowed to occupy in our Fraternity journal. Fact No. 8,—Rho enjoyed a visit from Bro. Martinez recently, when we were greatly pleased and made slightly envious by the sight of the plans designed by Bro. Martinez for Chi's new Chapter house. We heartily congratulate both the designer and the fortunate sister chapter which is so soon to possess such an exceedingly pretty lodge. Fact No. 9,—(When we said above that Fact No. 7 was the "last but one" we prevaricated, and we proudly acknowledge that we prevaricated). The Conference Committee has been appointed, and is doing its work well.

Omega—Iowa State.

DURING the dreary months of winter Omega's members employ themselves in accumulating some of the "material effects" from the world's great store, but they are by no means obscure or unheard of. The success reported is indeed a gratification, and we are looking forth with pleasant anticipations to the re-opening of College on the 23d inst. Our rival fraternities will probably show their colors this spring. They are reported in prosperous condition, and there is plenty of opportunity for good work in all of the fraternities. Our Chapter is now established in permanent quarters, with a neatly furnished room, and the indications point to marked progress during the coming year. Bros. Farwell, Rich and Myers, class '86, completed their labors in November with well deserved

honors. Bro. Corbett, now Principal of the Hardy Schools, Nebraska, will return to graduate with his class. Commencement exercises and the formal inauguration of President Chamberlin partook of that practical and classical nature that characterizes Iowa's great College. The prospects for a successful year are very gratifying. Our Board of Trustees, with a view to the needs and interests of the institution, have made liberal appropriations for sustaining experimental and other departments.

Tau—Franklin and Marshall.

THE opening of the winter term finds all the boys in their respective places. The Greek world is very quiet at present, since there have been no new students. However, we have two men "on the string," but it will be hard work to get them to be Deltas. As for the remaining students, they do not concern us, as they are not up to our standard. Bro. Harnish, '88, is at present teaching at Madison, La. He intends to return to College next year. The Juniors have elected their men for the *Oriflamme* staff. There are only two fraternity men elected as editors, both of whom are Deltas, viz: Bros. Bowman and Glessner. We had a visit from Bro. Heisler, '83. We endeavored to show him all the pleasure that was in our power. We welcome all Deltas who may perchance come to Lancaster.

Zeta—Adelbert.

THE new year has brought no increase in the membership of Zeta, for it is a rare occurrence to have a student enter Adelbert during the school year. We can now undoubtedly boast of the finest fraternity rooms at this institution, having lately added largely to the furniture, fixtures and bric-a-brac; it presents an appearance of beauty, cheerfulness, comfort, home. Just before the Xmas vacation invitations were received by the Zeta boys to attend the marriage of the founder of our Chapter, J. W. McLane, '83, to Miss Millie Sikes, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, on the 29th day of December. The Chapter and a number of the alumni responded in person to the invitations. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride. There were many beautiful and expensive tokens presented to the bridal pair by their large number of friends. W. S. Arter, '86, and an active filled the duties of "best men." We take great pleasure in announcing that Bro. McLane and wife will

be here in the city with us, as he holds the Professorship of Mathematics in the High School. As we thus send forth, as the third one, an alumnus into married life, we present him, our Chapter's founder, with an earnest wish for happiness and prosperity. February 5 is a date we are looking forward to, and one that is likely to make a deep mark upon our social history. We have invited the Eta boys and Cleveland alumni to join us in an initiation under the new ritual on that evening, and afterward help clear the Delta banquet board. Mr. A. H. Palmer, our Professor of German, started last month for Berlin, Germany, on a six weeks' mission of great importance to the College, that of packing and shipping to Adelbert the library of the late W. Sherrer, Professor of German Language and Literature at Berlin University. This collection of books comprises some twelve thousand volumes, and was expected to become the property of the Royal Academy of that city, but through the influence of Professor Palmer is to be placed within the alcoves of the Adelbert library.

Beta Epsilon—Emory.

SINCE writing our last letter to THE RAINBOW Bro. Benton has left us. We hate to lose him, but are glad to know that he will return next fall. The seven fraternities of Emory are prospering, with one or two exceptions. The elections for champion debaters' places were held a short while ago with the following result: From the Few Society, an $\Delta T \Omega$, a $\Delta T \Delta$, and a "barb"; from the Phi Gamma, an $\Delta T \Omega$, a $X \Phi$, and a $K \Delta$.

Alumni News.

Gamma.

'71. James F. Ray, Professor of Physics in Washington and Jefferson College, has patented a calendar that is good forever. It is in use among many business men in Washington, Pittsburgh, etc.

'76. District Attorney Taylor ran over 1,000 votes ahead of his ticket in this county. He has been elected three times to this office.

'84. C. B. Reid has been called to a professorship in Steubenville Seminary.

'80. James S. Beacom, Republican candidate for the Legislature, was the only Republican elected to office in Westmoreland county, Pa.

'75. The Pittsburgh *Leader* says: "Prof. Will M. Stevenson is one of the most promising members of the Allegheny bar."

'67. W. J. Bollman is Professor of Mathematics in Lenox College, Hopkinton, Ia.

Beta Zeta.

'79. John H. Oliver, M.D., who has been practicing in Indianapolis for several years, was appointed Superintendent of City Hospitals last fall, and is now discharging the duties of that office, having taken possession January 1.

Clarence Boyle, '80; Maurice O'Connor, '82, and A. L. Bair, '84, showed their loyalty to "good old Delta Tau" by being among the charter members of the Chicago Alumni Association. Let's hear of more-such!

'84. Elmer H. Clarke, son of the well known photographer of Indianapolis, has located in Lafayette, corner Sixth and Main streets.

'87. L. T. Van Cleave, who was obliged to leave school on account of his health a couple of years ago, is now preaching at Dorchester, Neb. Bro. Van held a meeting lately and reports good success.

Beta Theta.

'85. R. Hale is sojourning at his home in England.

'85. H. O. Riddell is in Philadelphia assisting the rector of one of the first Episcopal Churches of that city.

'85. N. B. Harris has in charge the parish at Madison, Fla.

'85. T. De G. Finney is making money in the real estate business, Birmingham, Ala.

'84. R. M. W. Black is teaching school in Sylvania, Ga., and devoting his leisure moments to the study of law.

'86. E. C. Tucker has a position in the public schools of Mobile, Ala. He also is fitting himself for the law profession.

'86. G. R. Scruggs owns and manages the float lines in Dallas, Texas.

'86. F. H. Miller is in the Post Graduate Department of Johns Hopkins University.

XI.

'72. W. H. Berry is entering upon his seventh year as Superintendent of the Indianola M. E. Sunday School.

'73. Hon. W. F. Powell, Indianola, Iowa, was elected County Attorney in the recent election.

'76. F. B. Taylor paid the Chapter a pleasant visit at its session of January 15. He leaves soon for Fairfield, Iowa, where he will assume control of the *Fairfield Ledger*.

'77. R. P. Anderson was the County Attorney-elect of Seward county, Neb., in the late election.

'78. Prof. I. M. DeLong, formerly teacher in Iowa Central University, is now filling the Chair of Latin in Iowa Wesleyan University.

'79. J. T. McClure, of Beaver City, Neb., was recently married to Miss Clara Webster, Pi Beta Phi. Bro. McClure was the successful candidate for the position of County Attorney of his county.

'80. E. M. Holmes, A.M., B. D., continues to fill most acceptably the Chair of Greek and Hebrew in Simpson.

'84. F. L. Davis completed a post-graduate course at Kansas State University last year, and is now with a surveying party at Holton, Kan.

'86. E. E. Kelly is now a Senior in Cooper Medical College, San Francisco, Cal.

Ex-'85. O. A. Kennedy has charge of the Government schools at Darlington, Indian Territory.

Ex-'87. M. E. Dailey is now a Senior in Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa.

Ex-'87. A. V. Proudfoot is employed by the International Loan and Trust Co., of Indianola, Iowa, and is assistant editor of the *Warren County News*.

ENROLLMENTS SINCE CONVENTION, AUGUST, 1886.

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| 195 | John Church Nash, | '89, | Canfield, Ohio. |
| 196 | William Chapen Deming, | '91, | Mt. Olive, Ky. |
| 197 | William George Heiser, | '90, | Maysville, Ky. |
| 198 | Daniel Henry Dunn, | '90, | Connellsville, Pa. |

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| 92 | John Reuben Kempf | '90, | Ann Arbor, Mich. |
| 93 | William Stuart McArthur, | '90, | Cheboygan, Mich. |

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| 98 | James Howard Delbridge, | '90, | Albion, Mich. |
| 99 | Palmer Montgomery Dearing, | '90, | Albion, Mich. |

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| 13 | Robert Eugene Ruedy, | '90, | Cleveland, Ohio. |
| 14 | Charles Louis Reason, | '90, | Cleveland, Ohio. |
| 15 | George Wyman Tryon, | '90, | Willoughby, Ohio. |

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| | Melancthon Moore, | '89, | Beallsville, Ohio. |
| | George Miller Guy, | '89, | Dallas, W. Va. |
| | James Henry Strickling, | '89, | West Union, W. Va. |

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| 44 | David Evans Jennings, | '88, | Nashville, Tenn. |
| 45 | William Ruthven Smith, | '88, | Nashville, Tenn. |
| 46 | Horace Erastus Bemis, | '89, | Jefferson, Texas. |

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| 115 | Benjamin Ulysses Rannels, | '89, | Wilmington, Ohio. |
| 116 | Frank Dean Tubbs, | '88, | Mexico, N. Y. |

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| 51 | John Thompson Gallaher, | '90, | Moundsville, W. Va. |
| 52 | William Berlin Gray, | '89, | Easton, Pa. |
| 53 | George Redford English, | '90, | Elizabeth, N. J. |

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| 93 | William Dante Trimble, | '88, | Indianola Iowa. |
| 94 | James Eddy Smith, | '90, | Ashewa, Iowa. |

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| 50 | Theodore David Boal, | '90, | Iowa City, Iowa. |
| 51 | Charles Beaumont Hepburn, | '90, | Clarinda, Iowa. |
| 52 | Henry Bernard Lusch, | '90, | Waterloo, Iowa. |
| 53 | Herbert Barber Bois, | '90, | Waterloo, Iowa. |
| 54 | Robert Clifton Musser, | '90, | Muscatine, Iowa. |
| 55 | Henry Wesley Morgridge, | '90, | Muscatine, Iowa. |

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| 15 | John Clayton Fant, | '89, | Macon, Miss. |
| 16 | William Edward Savage, | '90, | Okalona, Miss. |
| 17 | Horace Hall, Jr., | '91, | Houston, Texas. |
| 18 | Charles Philip Long, | '90, | Tupelo, Miss. |
| 19 | Joseph Moyse, | '90, | Summit, Miss. |
| 20 | Henry Triver Terrell, | '91, | Oxford, Miss. |

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- 73 Nicolai Henry Hiller, '89, Hoboken, N. J.
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- 54 Nathaniel Saxman, '87, Latrobe, Pa.
 55 James Cloyd Null, '87, Pleasant Gap, Pa.
 56 William McCleery Hall, '90, Lancaster, Pa.
 57 David Martin Wolfe, '89, Martinsburg, Pa.
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UPSILON.

- 37 Norman Wheeler Cramp, '90, Philadelphia, Pa.
 38 George Chauncey Dewey, '90, Wheeling, W. Va.

CHI.

- 22 Leon Enoch Stricker, '90, Tiffin, Ohio.

PSI.

- 46 William Weaver Hartman, '89, Wooster, Ohio.

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- 106 Frederick Lee Dobbin, '88, State Centre, Iowa.
 107 Nathaniel Spencer, '88, Alden, Iowa.

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- 39 Roy Owen West, '90, Georgetown, Ill.
 40 John Buchtel Brooke, '90, Valparaiso, Ind.
 41 Cleveland Bert Coggeshall, '92, Williamsburg, Ind.
 42 Stephen Seaman Strattan, Jr., '92, Richmond, Ind.

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- 42 Augustus Cleveland Willcoxson, '89, Newman, Ga.
 43 Edwin Stewart, '89, Carrollton, Ga.
 44 Augustus Milledge Hartsfield, '89, Newman, Ga.
 45 Joseph Alvin Parks, '89, Kedron, Ga.
 46 John William Barnett, '89, Winterville, Ga.

BETA EPSILON.

- 36 Joseph Lounie Brown, '90, Social Circle, Ga.
 37 Edwin Victor Vanderipe, '89, Manatee, Fla.

BETA ZETA.

- 52 Charles Millard Fillmore, '89, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 53 Archibald McClelland Hall, '88, Laughinstown, Pa.
 54 Henry Hallis Weaver, '90, Pittsboro, Ind.
 55 Henry Stewart Schell, '90, Somerset, Pa.

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- 13 Kendrick Charles Babcock, '90, South Brookfield, N. Y.
 14 Charles Curtis Rollit, '88, Minneapolis, Minn.
 15 Bruno William Bierbauer, '88, Mankato, Minn.
 16 Frank Sherman Abernathy, '89, Minneapolis, Minn.

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- 33 Harry Hardermann Graham, Pinewood, Tenn.
 34 Matthew Cartwright Roberts, San Augustine, Texas.
 35 William Smith Simpson Atmore, Cassia, Fla.

BETA KAPPA.

- 13 Richard Henry Whitely, Jr., '87, Boulder, Col.

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NO. V.

THE FRATERNITY AS AN EDUCATOR.*

It is nearly twelve years since he who now addresses you was initiated into the mysteries of Delta Tau Delta. Without risking the violation of the oath of secrecy taken upon that momentous occasion, a few of these mysteries may here be spoken of. There was a small uncarpeted room on the top floor of an unpretentious building; perhaps a dozen of the cheapest kind of chairs, and a cheap table; there was a ballot box also, but no other furniture. Eight or ten young men, then unknown to fame, sat around the room and looked on with a melancholy satisfaction as the new victim was being initiated. What an absurd proceeding it was, to view it from one stand-point, that these eight or ten students should separate themselves from their fellows, and pretend that they possessed some quality or some secret which elevated them above their neighbors, which to some extent placed them in antagonism with others in their own college, and even with others of their own classmates. How wicked a proceeding it was, in the minds of others, to join a secret society, a thing condemned by the truly good men of all ages, and especially by the venerable faculties of some of the most venerable colleges—a secret society whose deeds are done in darkness, and therefore must be evil. And after the initiation was over, and the new victim was bound to an organization of whose history and whose purposes he knew almost nothing, what was there in that room, or that small company of men, who were no better and no worse than the rest of his college mates; what was there in the purposes or aims of the Fraternity, which should keep him bound to it, or what were the ties which could insure the continued existence of the fraternity itself? In spite of loss of members by

*The Annual Oration, delivered at the Fifth Conference of the Grand Division of the East, New York City, February 22, 1886.



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NO. VI.

THE SIXTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE GRAND DIVISION OF THE NORTH.

THE Sixth Annual Conference of the Grand Division of the North was held at Akron, O., March 24 and 25, under the auspices of the Eta Chapter. About thirty members attended the sessions. In point of attendance and efficient work done the Conference was eminently successful, while the social features formed no small portion of the enjoyment of the occasion. The sessions were held in the elegant chapter rooms of Eta, and were characterized throughout by earnest and close application to business. Much important matter was discussed and acted upon, which, for the best interests of the Fraternity, cannot be made public.

The Conference was called to order by Bro. W. S. Arter, of Zeta, at 3.15 P. M., March 24. Prayer was offered by Bro. C. E. Miesse, of Mu. The address of welcome was given by Bro. E. F. Voris, of Eta, and responded to by Bro. J. H. Eberth, of Chi. Bro. C. H. Hatch, of Delta, was elected Secretary, and Bro. E. J. Felt, V. P. The Committee on Credentials having been appointed reported the following delegates: Delta, E. Swarthout, C. H. Hatch; Epsilon, C. M. Kimball; Chi, H. J. Ebertle; Psi, T. L. Aughinbaugh, J. A. Park; Mu, C. E. Miesse; Eta, E. J. Felt, F. H. Stuart; Zeta, R. E. Ruedy, S. S. Wilson.

The usual committees having been appointed the Conference listened to the chapter reports. At 5 P. M. the Conference adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock in the evening.

At 8.10 P. M. Conference was called to order, and then listened to the following very interesting papers: "Extension," by Bro. C. H. Hatch, of Delta, and "The Studying of Delta Tau Delta in the Fraternity World," by Bro. S. S. Wilson, of Zeta. A paper on "Division Conferences," by Bro. C. E. Miesse, of Mu, was laid over to the morning session.

The advisability of adopting a constitution and perfecting a somewhat more permanent organization was discussed, and a committee of three was appointed to revise a copy of the Constitution of the Eastern Division, and report at the last session.

The lack of some convenient and universal method of transferring members from one chapter to another was next argued, and a system of blanks was presented by Chapter Delta. Chapter Delta was appointed a committee to prepare a set of blanks for the transference of members from one chapter to another, and present them at the next General Convention.

Bro. E. T. Swarthout presented the general plans of the Delta Tau Delta Summer Resort Association, giving a detailed and interesting description of the grounds and scenery at Bay View. Plans and designs of the building were also exhibited, displaying much earnest work done, and good judgment used by the Resort Committee. Much enthusiasm was manifested in the scheme, and some stock was taken. Conference adjourned at 10.30 to convene at 9 o'clock next morning.

At 9.50 A. M., March 25, Conference reassembled, W. P. Bro. Arter presiding. The meeting was opened with a song. The paper on "Division Conferences," by Bro. Miesse, was listened to with the closest attention. Bro. Meisse gave some excellent ideas regarding Division Conferences, which received the hearty approval of the Conference. The reports of committees were listened to. The Committee on Time and Place of Holding Next Conference reported in favor of holding the next Conference at Cleveland, O., on Thursday and Friday, March 29 and 30, 1888, under the auspices of Chapter Zeta. By motion the place and date were fixed as recommended by the committee. The report of the Committee on Resolutions was next heard, as follows :

WHEREAS, The plans for an equalization fund, proposed by Bros. E. J. and J. B. Ware seem to the Conference to be incomplete ;

Resolved, That while recognizing the needs of such a fund the Conference make the following suggestions : 1st. That the equalization be on the basis of the actual amount necessary to be spent by the delegates in traveling from their homes. 2d. That the apportionment be *per capita* and not *per chapter*.

Resolved, That the Conference heartily approves the plans of the Delta Tau Delta Resort Association, and does all in its power to further its efforts.

WHEREAS, Questions of constitutional interpretation are constantly arising, for the decision of which there is no authorized tribunal ;

Resolved, That the Conference recommend that a tribunal be established for the decision of such questions.

WHEREAS, Chapter Beta has shown her inactivity, as we believe, in the general interests of the Fraternity by sending no delegate to either Convention or Conference for the past few years ;

Resolved, That the Conference express a hope of seeing her represented at the next Conference by a delegate.

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Conference that the Division Conference should be recognized by the Constitution, and such local legislative power given it as would not interfere with the sphere of the Convention.

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of the Division be extended to Chapter Eta for the liberal and hospitable manner in which the Conference has been entertained ; and that a committee of one be appointed to extend the thanks of the Division to the press and the Hotel Buchtel.

The report was taken up, resolution by resolution, and, with the exception of No. 5, which was postponed, was adopted.

At 12 o'clock the Conference adjourned to meet at 1.30 P. M. At that hour Conference was called to order by W. P. Bro. Arter. The minutes of the last meeting were approved. A committee was appointed to nominate officers for the next Conference. A letter was read from Bro. Hoyt concerning the song book, and urging subscriptions to it. A resolution was adopted to the effect that the Northern Division do all in its power to increase the subscription list of the song book.

The Committee on Officers of the Next Conference recommended that the office of W. P. be given to Delta ; P., to Eta ; S., to Mu. The report was adopted. The Committee on Constitution being unable to do its work, owing to the departure from the city of its chairman, Chapter Psi was appointed a committee to draw up a constitution for the Northern Division, and send copies to each chapter of the Division, to be voted upon, the affirmative vote of six chapters being required for the ratification of the constitution. A recess was taken to enable all members present to be initiated under the new Ritual. The oath was administered to each member, after which the Ritual was gone through, with improvised paraphernalia. Its merits and demerits were thoroughly discussed, and the Northern Division will go into convention prepared to vote intelligently upon this important matter.

After the recess the Conference was called to order and adjourned *sine die*.

In the evening Chapter Eta gave her seventh annual banquet

and reception, to which nearly all the visiting Deltas remained. The reception was held in the elegant ball room of MacPherson Lodge K. of P., where brave Delta Knights and fair Delta Ladies kept time to the entrancing strains of Lantz's full orchestra. At 11.30 o'clock the gay party adjourned to the Hotel Buchtel, and regaled themselves with the delicious viands for which the Buchtel is noted. The tables were arranged in Oriental style, forming an immense square, with seats placed on the outside. The following tasts were responded to, with G. W. Leiber, Eta, '82, as *Magister Epularum* :

"Delta Tau Delta"—J. C. Park, Psi.

"The Conference"—R. E. Ruedy, Zeta.

"Our Legal Brothers"—J. A. Motz; Eta.

"Our Graduates"—A. E. Hyre, Eta.

"Our Visitors"—C. S. Bock, Eta.

"The Reorganized Northern Division"—C. H. Rowell, Delta.

"The Northern Division in the 28th General Convention"—
E. T. Swarthout, Delta.

"The Ladies"—E. J. Felt, Eta.

At two o'clock the banquet closed, and the company broke up, thoroughly imbued with Delta Tau Delta. This closed the Sixth Annual Conference of the Northern Division. The following are the names of those who were present at the various sessions and the banquet :

S. W. Parshall.....	Eta, '77	Frank Hugill.....	Eta, '91
A. E. Hyre.....	" '84	Allen Fell.....	" '91
O. C. Herrick.....	" '82	W. S. Arter.....	Zeta, '86
E. F. Voris.....	" '75	S. S. Willson.....	" '88
C. S. Bock.....	" '85	G. F. Smith.....	" '89
J. A. Motz.....	" '82	R. E. Ruedy.....	" '90
P. R. Miller.....	" '81	Chas. Reason.....	" '90
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F. H. Stuart.....	" '87	C. Cherryholmes.....	" '87
E. J. Felt.....	" '87	E. T. Swarthout.....	" '87
W. A. Holcomb.....	" '89	C. M. Kimball.....	" '87
Frank Wieland.....	" '90	J. C. Parks.....	Psi, '88
Vernon Andrew.....	" '90	T. L. Aughinbaugh.....	" '89
J. A. Botzum.....	" '90	C. E. Miesse.....	Mu, '90
Arthur Rowley.....	" '90	H. J. Eberth.....	Chi, '89

THE DELTA TAU DELTA RESORT ASSOCIATION.

ITS HISTORY AND PROSPECTS—PLAN OF ITS PROPOSED RESORT HOUSE—SKETCHES BY PROF. H. A. MILLS, OF DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

EVERY summer finds a largely increasing number of pleasure and health seekers taking advantage of the diversified attractions, the salubrious climate and the health-giving lake breezes of the resorts of the Traverse Bay Region of Northern Michigan. These resorts are, without doubt, the best known and most extensively patronized of any summer retreats west of New York.

Foremost of the Northern Michigan Resorts is Bay View, near Petoskey, situated on the shore of Lake Michigan, its two hundred cottages commanding a view of one of the fairest bodies of water in America—Little Traverse Bay.

Adjoining the Bay View resort to the west is Hughart or Delta Hill, comprising about four acres, long reserved by the President of the G. R. & I. R. R. as a location for a summer residence. By a rare stroke of good fortune this superior location was secured last fall as a site for the proposed Resort House of the association. From its summit a view of surpassing beauty is obtained. Looking out over the bay, dotted with pleasure boats and yachts, you catch sight of the busy commerce of the lakes, coming from or nearing the Straits of Mackinaw. The Beaver Islands and Seven-Mile Point, calling to mind the early Jesuit and Indian traditions and Mormon history, are easily discernable. To the northeast extend the long avenues of the Western Chautauqua,—Bay View. At the east side a gradual descent leads to the level of the resort grounds. To the west is Petoskey, the G. R. & I. R. R., leading to which, passes at the base of this Delta Gibraltar.

In the summer of 1884 several Deltas met in Northern Michigan, and in the discussion of fraternity matters it was suggested that the "Delta Resorters" be brought together at a banquet or reception. Through the active instrumentality of Bros. Ed. F. Parmelee and W. F. Hoyt this was accomplished on the 29th of August. The following Deltas and their ladies assembled at the Bridge Street House, Charlevoix (a neighboring resort): L. W. Hoyt, Iowa, '82, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Ed. F. Parmelee, Kappa,

'83, Charlevoix, Mich.; Wilbur F. Hoyt, Iota, '83, Columbus, Ohio; Oscar Upright, Epsilon, '83, Charlevoix, Mich.; Hoyt P. Parmelee, Kappa, '86, Reading, Mich.; Arthur W. Connable, Epsilon, '86, Petoskey, Mich.; J. Norris Estabrook, Iota, '88, East Saginaw, Mich. The parlors of the Bridge Street House were resonant with college songs and fraternity anecdotes. In the dining rooms, decorated with the symbols of the Fraternity, the guests partook of the most elaborate banquet ever served at the resort. The occasion proved so enjoyable that the fraters present unanimously resolved to make the annual gathering a permanent feature of the resorting season, but when an enthusiastic Delta modestly suggested that we might some day build a cottage, the others only cast scornful and pitying glances in his direction. Bros. E. F. Parmelee, Connable, Upright and Estabrook were appointed a committee to arrange for the next meeting.

The meeting in 1885 was arranged for August 10th, and "Ivy Cottage," Bay View, was selected as the place. Everything conspired to make the meeting a success. The cottage, one of the oldest at the famous resort, that night had its picturesque beauty revealed and heightened by a beautiful night and brilliant illumination. The Italian string band from "The Arlington" was there, and the evening quickly passed amid their music and the songs of Deltas and ladies assembled.

The register of the evening was: Sigler W. Mauck, Kappa, '74, Columbus, Ohio; L. W. Hoyt, Iota, '82, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Ed. F. Parmelee, Kappa, '83, Charlevoix, Mich.; Wilbur F. Hoyt, Iota, '83, Columbus, Ohio; E. J. Ware, Delta, '85, Grand Rapids, Vin Swarthout, Epsilon, '85, Ovid, Mich.; A. W. Connable, Epsilon, '86, Petoskey, Mich.; Gill G. Scranton, Epsilon, '87, Sault St. Marie, Mich.; S. F. Masters, Epsilon, '88, Ionia, Mich.

A permanent organization was resolved upon, and the prospect of building a cottage discussed. Rev. Washington Gardner was elected President and Ed. F. Parmelee, Secretary. Ezra J. Ware was appointed a committee to investigate the feasibility of renting or building a cottage. The latter did his work vigorously, and, at the meeting in 1886, had fully matured plans to lay before the Deltas. On the night of July 30 the steamer "Thomas Friant" was chartered by the Delta Resorters for a moonlight ride to Charlevoix, sixteen miles distant and return. To those only who have taken

such a ride on Little Traverse Bay is it even imaginable, and we refrain from attempting description. On the arrival at Charlevoix Bro. Ed. F. Parmelee entertained the party at Breezy Point Cottage with his characteristic hospitality, and the return ride to Petoskey was enlivened by the songs and jests so usual with college men. The party was made up of the following Deltas and their ladies: Rev. Washington Gardner, Mu, '70, Jackson, Mich.; Prof. Henry A. Mills, Epsilon, '76, Greencastle, Ind.; Lucius W. Hoyt, Iota, '82, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Ed. F. Parmelee, Kappa, '83, Charlevoix, Mich.; W. S. Graham, Epsilon, '83, Grand Rapids, Mich.; James A. Dart, Iota, '85, Petoskey, Mich.; Vin Swarthout, Epsilon, '85, Ovid, Mich.; E. J. Ware, Delta, '85, Grand Rapids, Mich.; G. G. Scranton, Epsilon, '86, Sault St. Marie, Mich.; S. F. Master, Epsilon, '88, Ionia, Mich.; Frank D. McDonell, Delta, '88, Bay City, Mich.; L. B. Sutton, Epsilon, '88, Cheboygan, Mich.; A. W. Connable, Epsilon, '89, Petoskey, Mich. The next day the "Delta Tau Delta Resort Association" was incorporated, with Washington Gardner, E. J. Ware, J. B. Ware, Lucius W. Hoyt, H. W. Mosher, W. S. Graham, H. A. Mills and Vin Swarthout as charter members. Washington Gardner was elected President, J. B. Ware, Secretary, and Lucius W. Hoyt, Treasurer. These, with E. J. Ware and Elvin Swarthout, formed the Board of Directors.

At the annual meeting held in Grand Rapids, Mich., February 21, 1887, the same Board of Directors and officers were elected, with the exception of E. J. Ware, who, declining on account of other duties, was succeeded by Ed. F. Parmelee. It was decided to have the Resort House completed by July 1, 1887, and the Directors have since decided on building plans. A prospective view of the house appears with this article. On the lower floor will be a parlor, reception room, kitchen, ladies' toilet and gentlemen's toilet, bath and baggage rooms. On the second floor will be a library and reading room and nine chambers. The lookout from the tower is about 130 feet above the bay, and commands a view that cannot be excelled. The inside will be finished in the natural wood, and fire places will adorn the parlor, reception room and library.

The library will be one relating largely to Greek letter fraternities. To this the Association hopes to add contributions, from their respective authors, of all books written by members of our

Fraternity. Among the papers and magazines will be the journals of other fraternities and college annuals.

It is expected that the decorations of the house will be largely donated by our fraters. In fact, even now, Bros. H. A. Mills, Dean of the Art School of De Pauw University, and W. S. Holdsworth, Professor of Free-hand Drawing at Lansing, Mich., say that we shall not be without pictures for our walls. It is hoped to make here an attractive home where Deltas may find rest, pleasure and renewed health when they leave their business, profession or studies. The delights of a sojourn in this region are too well known to need description, and the Camp Meeting and Chautauquan Course at Bay View make it possible to mix improvement with pleasure during his stay. The Association expects to have a boat house, bowling alley and tennis court in connection with its Resort House. "The Arlington," Petoskey's well known summer hotel, is near, and passing trains carry one to the bath houses or inland route to Oden; to the resort on Mackinaw Island; to the resorts at Harbor Point, Harbor Springs or We-que-ton-sing, and to Marquette and the iron and copper region of Michigan. By boat we have short rides to Charlevoix and Pine Lake, to that famous trout stream, the Jordon River; to Gross Village, with its Indians and St. Francis Convent and Hospital; to Beaver Island, with its recollections of King Strang and Mormonism, and to Sault Ste. Marie, with its rapids and ship canal.

At present the following are stockholders in the Association: Washington Gardner, James B. Ware, E. J. Ware, Lucius W. Hoyt, N. W. Mosher, James A. Dart, W. S. Graham, H. A. Mills, Ed. F. Parmelee, Elvin Swarthout, G. G. Scranton, F. D. McDonell, A. W. Connable, A. P. Trautwein, L. E. Dow, Frank Rasch, N. S. McArthur, Wilbur F. Hoyt, Lynn Bonham and T. L. Aughinbaugh.

Reduced rates were promised the members of the Association by the G. R. & I. R.R., but their interpretation of the Inter-State Commerce Bill is such that the Association may be deprived of these advantages. Unless this difficulty is overcome, the stockholders may think it best to temporarily postpone the erection of the building.

Alumni Associations.

THE NEW YORK ALUMNI.

THE ninth regular meeting of the New York Alumni Association, and fifth social reunion of the present season, was held at Martinelli's, 156 Fifth avenue, New York, on Saturday, March 19. There was a goodly attendance of members and visitors, the following being present: John Salisbury, *K*¹, '66; Andrew Bryson, *K*¹, '67; W. W. Van Voorhis, *K*¹, '67; Rev. S. L. Beiler, *M*, '72; Prof. J. E. Denton, *P*, '75; A. P. Trautwein, *P*, '76; F. E. Idell, *P*, '77; H. T. Bruck, *P*, '78; W. W. Cook, *Δ*, '80; L. A. Mathey, *P*, '80; Prof. John C. Rice, *Ψ*, '82; F. F. Martinez, *Σ*, '82; C. O. Johnson, *Ψ*, '83; John A. Bense, *P*, '84; W. L. Lyall, *P*, '84, and O. A. Zayas, *T*, '86.

Andrew Bryson, *K*¹, '67, occupied the chair in the absence of the President, Rev. L. A. Crandall, *K*, '73. The Secretary read a letter from C. F. Parker, *P*, '84, accepting his election to membership; and, from R. H. Olmstead, *Φ*, '85, asking for instructions in behalf of the proposed Cincinnati Alumni Association.

The annual Report of the Secretary and Treasurer showed that the membership of the Association had grown from fourteen resident and one non-resident to twenty-six resident and four non-resident members, representing thirteen chapters; that seven ballot lists were circulated, and that all propositions for membership had been favorably acted upon; that eight regular meetings were held during the year, with an average attendance of fourteen, and that ten members of the Fraternity, not then or now members of the Association, were present at the various meetings; the report showed the Association to be financially prosperous.

The Committee on Alumni Organization reported through W. W. Cook, *Δ*, '80, who outlined a general scheme for the formation of a society of alumni, of which the local associations shall be subsidiary chapters. The report was necessarily incomplete, owing to the magnitude of the subject, and the committee was instructed to continue its work and report at the next regular meeting.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, Andrew Bryson, *K*¹, '67; Vice-President, Henry T. Bruck, *P*, '78; Secretary and Treasurer, Alfred P. Trautwein, *P*, '76. Executive Committee, James E. Denton, *P*, '75; F. F. Martinez, *Σ*, '82, and Frank E. Idell, *P*, '77. Committee on Elections, William Kent, *P*, '76; William Van Voorhis, *K*¹, '67, and C. O. Johnson, *Ψ*, '83.

The Association then discussed the subject of "Railroading as a Profession," in which Bros. Cook, Denton, Beiler, Bryson, Marthey and Bensel participated.

NEW YORK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

The tenth regular meeting of the Association, being its sixth of the present season, was held on Saturday, April 16, at Martinelli's, New York City. The following members were present: John Salisbury, Jr., *K*¹, '66; Andrew Bryson, *K*¹, '67; Will Carleton, *K*, '69; Prof. James E. Denton, *P*, '75; William Kent, *P*, '76; A. P. Trautwein, *P*, '76; Henry T. Bruck, *P*, '78; William W. Cook, *Δ*, '80; Prof. J. Calvin Rice, *Ψ*, '82; C. O. Johnson, *Ψ*, '83; O. F. Martinez, *Σ*, '83, and John R. Bensel, *P*, '84; A. L. Burns, *Σ*, '87; H. C. Folger, *Σ*, '87, John R. Morse, *Σ*, '87, and George Rowland, *Σ*, '87, were present by special invitation. Andrew Bryson presided at the dinner and the business meeting.

The election of the following members was announced: Rev. S. L. Beiler, *M*, '72, pastor of the Eighteenth Street M. E. Church, Brooklyn, and John Salisbury, Jr., *K*¹, '67, merchant, of New York City, in the resident, and Prof. J. Calvin Rice, *Ψ*, '82, principal of the Elmwood Collegiate Institute, Matawan, N. J., in the non-resident class. Letters of regret at their inability to be present were received from L. H. Nash, *P*, '77; F. E. Idell, *P*, '67; A. G. Brinkerhoff, *P*, '77; William J. Cooper, *P*, '77, and Rev. S. L. Beiler, *Γ*, '72. A letter was also read from W. L. McClurg, secretary of the Chicago Alumni Association, giving a statement of its affairs. George M. Bond, *P*, '80, mechanical engineer with the Pratt & Whitney Co., Hartford, Ct., was elected a non-resident member.

The Committee on Alumni Organization made its report, which proved satisfactory, and the committee was instructed to bring to the notice of the next Convention certain resolutions upon this subject.

The Association then took up the discussion of the subject of the evening: "The Scholar in Politics; his Privileges and his Duties," in which Bros. Cook, Denton, Johnson, Salisbury, Carleton, Rice and Kent participated,

The next regular meeting will be held at Martinelli's on Saturday, May 14, when the following will be the subject for the after-dinner talk: "Is an Academic Course in Journalism Feasible and Advisable?" which will prove an interesting topic in view of the action of several of the colleges in establishing such courses.

THE CHICAGO ALUMNI.

THE third regular meeting of the Chicago Alumni Association was held at the Tremont House on the evening of the 2d of April, and the members were all on hand when dinner was announced at half after six,—an improvement on previous meetings.

Our Vice-President and Medical Adviser, Dr. N. N. Hurst, *F*, '69, was again prevented from attending, but fortunately our other representative in the profession, Dr. M. J. Bliem, *N*, '82, was with us, so that the Association felt no qualms of fear when the cucumber salad was placed before it, and the attack was courageously and successfully made. The other members present were—President Freshwaters, *Θ*, '65; W. M. Keenan, *K*, '72; John M. Ewen, *P*, '80; H. C. Alexander, *Δ*, '82; Charles M. Blair, *A*, '82; Clarence Boyle, *Z B*, '80, Augustus Ziesing, *T*¹, '78; Wharton Plummer, *A*, '84; A. L. Bair, *Z B*, '84, and W. Lowrie McClurg, *A*, '79.

The set topic for the evening's discussion was "Our Duty as Citizens of Chicago in the approaching Municipal Election." At the time the Executive Committee chose this question the Democrats had a candidate in the field, but at the time the meeting was held the contest had narrowed to a choice between the Republican and Socialistic candidates. Of course none of us championed the latter, although we are by no means all members of the former party. The subject of the election was discussed during the dinner instead of afterward, as is usually the case, and in spite of the changes in the political field proved to be one of great interest.

After dinner the business session was held, and the Committee on Elections announced the admission to active membership in the Association of Samuel Kerr, *A*¹, '69, and James R. Mann, *T*¹, '76, both lawyers in this city.

This meeting, while not so large in attendance as some others, was the most successful held thus far, from a social point of view, and reminded the members of the old chapter meetings, held while we were in college.

The next meeting in the regular order of things will be held on the first Saturday in June, and any member of the Fraternity visiting the city at that time is invited to let the Secretary know of his presence in the city.

REPORT OF SONG-BOOK AGENT.

MATERIAL for "The First Song Book of Delta Tau Delta" is now all in the hands of the printer, and the plates are being rapidly completed. The work of the typographer, F. H. Gilson, of Boston, is equal to anything we have ever seen, and is far ahead of that in any fraternity song book yet published.

Of the contents, each frater must judge when he sees the book, but it can be safely said that some of its music is of a high order.

Subscriptions are coming in rapidly, but from sources from which least was expected. Chapters with large, active and alumni membership have done little or nothing to support the enterprise. Only one Grand Chapter has even *replied* to the committee's letters, and that reply contained but seven subscriptions.

The following are the number of pledges of each chapter, in addition to the number of "chapter copies": Tau, 14; Rho, 14; Zeta, 12; Iota, 12; Epsilon, 10; Beta Beta, 9; Beta Kappa, 7; Delta, 7; Beta Zeta, 5; Phi, 3; Mu, 2; Beta Delta, 1.

The chapters whose names do not appear above should take this as a gentle reminder that they are neglecting a duty, and those which do appear should be encouraged to further effort.

Chapter Letters.

Beta Eta—University of Minnesota.

BETA ETA greets her sisters this month with a happy heart, and wishes to say that "congratulations are now in order." In our last letter we said we were "working" two men, members of '90, and now we are happy to inform you all that we have them both pledged, and will initiate them at the end of this term. But this fact does not mean merely an increase of two members to our list,—it means that we are now firmly established ; that we have stepped upon the top round of the fraternity ladder here. Our annual banquet was held March 25. It was in the form of a theatre party and banquet at the West Hotel. Twenty Deltas with their ladies were present ; many more had been expected, but could not be present (there are about twenty-five Deltas located in this city, from outside chapters, and Beta Eta numbers ten active members). After enjoying Barrett's "Rienzi," we repaired to the West Hotel, where an elegant spread awaited us. Full justice done to this, Bro. R. G. Evans, the toastmaster of the evening, announced that Bro. W. B. Augir, of Kappa, would respond to "Delta Tau Delta," which was done in a very pleasant speech. Bro. J. P. Goode, of Beta Eta, then responded to "Chapter Beta Eta." "Absent Deltas" was responded to by F. C. Cook, of Tau ; "Our Alumni," by Bro. K. C. Babcock, of Beta Eta ; "Our Hellenic Sisters," by Bro. F. C. Stacy, Beta Eta. Col. R. G. Evans, the toastmaster, was then called upon, and, in a very happy vein, he recounted some of his college experiences, and also gave us some hints that will prove valuable. As it was by this time nearly 2 A. M., there was not time for making everybody thoroughly acquainted with everybody else, so this was left for another occasion. Music was furnished by Danz's orchestra ; all in all, it was a very pleasant affair ; the ladies, of one accord, say it was "the event of the season," and they know. During the evening several of the most influential members mentioned "Chapter House," and it is quite probable that Beta Eta may have a chapter house in the not very distant future. In this connection we also wish to ask those of our brothers living in Minneapolis and

St. Paul, with whom we have not yet become acquainted, to send their name and address to C. H. Webster, University, Minneapolis. Out-door sports, tennis, base-ball, foot-ball, etc., are flourishing. We have a fine base-ball nine this year, and expect to capture the league pennant. Several new buildings are to be erected during this year, a science hall, museum and library building among them.

Omega—Iowa State College.

OUR college year began with the spring term and found the $\Delta T \Delta$ ranks somewhat diminished. Bros. Myers, Rich and Farwell graduated with honors at the close of last term, and Bro. Wallace left college life for his rural retreat at Orient, Ia., where he will conduct the business of the stock firm of Henry Wallace & Son. Bro. Myers has been attending the law department of the State University for some time, and Bros. Farwell and Locke expect to join him there soon. Bro. Durkee will be absent this term, but will return in the fall; in the meantime he will prospect in Dakota. Bro. Coe is regaining his lost flesh at the paternal homestead. Bro. Corbett, one of the brilliant lights, both of the institution and of the fraternity, is principal of the Hardy, Neb., schools. He will return in the fall and take a front rank in his class, and will receive a hearty welcome from the fraternity. Bro. Curtiss is also absent this spring, but will return in July. He favored the boys with a visit recently. The above departures left Omega with but four workers. We have since added to our number Mr. W. H. Wright, a young man of ability and influence, and will be a credit to the fraternity. Our rival fraternities which were to shop their colors this term, failed to materialize, presumably on account of failure to get their charters. Mr. Archer, Phi Kappa Psi from Simpson College, Indianola, Ia., looked over the field in the interests of his society but found little encouragement. The $\Delta T \Delta$ will have an open field for some time to come. During last term the Delta quarters were nicely fitted up and we now have a very pleasant place to hold our meetings. As it required considerable effort to provide the fixtures the boys are correspondingly gratified and will appreciate the Δ sanctum. Though few in numbers, we all pull together and are in excellent growing condition. Our initiation policy is to get the best men or none at all, and we expect to chronicle several of that class on the Delta roll this term.

Sigma—Columbia.

WE take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity Bro. Matthew H. Folger, of Kingston, Canada, who was initiated into our chapter, at a meeting of the New York Alumni Association of Delta Tau Delta, held at Martinelli's on the evening of April 16, 1887. Among the brothers present was Bro. Will Carleton, who was on hand to participate in the initiatory services, our new brother being one of his intimate friends. After the services were over we sat down to an enjoyable dinner, which was followed by an informal discussion upon one of the questions of the day. Bro. Folger is in the law school, and by his initiation we are satisfied that Sigma has made one step in advance toward permanent success, and that he will prove a true and enthusiastic Delta.

Beta Theta—University of the South.

WE have not before had an opportunity to make our appearance in *THE RAINBOW* this year, and we seize the present, first of all, to send our heartfelt greetings to our sister chapters; secondly, we wish to give an account of ourselves. Beta Theta opened the year with a membership of fifteen men. Two of our brothers are not back yet, but are expected soon. Besides these we have initiated two men, making our membership, when the errant ones return, nineteen men, and a more enthusiastic chapter has never assembled here since the memorable day of our first establishment. I take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity Bro. Beverly Wilford Wrenn, of Tennessee, and Bro. Hardin Wickes Adams, of Texas, both of whom have been advanced from the Grammar school, and were immediately captured by $\Delta T \Delta$. They are solid fellows, and in every way worthy of the brotherhood. Bro. Dashiell has been detained on account of ill health, but, most probably, will have rejoined us before this letter is in print. We are anxious to have him back because we miss him very much. Bro. Garland, for whom also we are anxiously waiting, is still at work in Memphis, Tenn. We had our lot enclosed during the winter and hope to have the yard in front of the hall laid out in good order this year, as A. W. Butt, our landscape gardener, has invented an elaborate design incorporating the shape of the badge, which we have joyfully adopted. Our rival chapters here are fairly good this year.

$\Sigma A E$ has a very large chapter, which would be improved by some wholesale pruning, while $K A$ boasts of a peculiar set of geniuses. Bros. Noll and Craig were our delegates to the Chattanooga Conference, and were accompanied by Bros. Doggett, Mattair and Adams. They bring back most encouraging reports of the conference, which was, they say, in every way a success. The highest praise is due to Chapter Lambda for the very complete arrangements which she made, and for the energetic way in which the preparations were carried out and the chapters worked up to secure a full attendance. This is the first time we have been able to attend a division conference, and we feel as if we were no longer among the out-posts of $A T A$, but in the midst of a vigorous fraternity life. Much also of the success is attributable to the hospitable manner in which the alumni residents in Chattanooga gave their time and attention to the entertainment of the delegates. All honor, we say, to the alumni in Chattanooga. The university still keeps up its steady and healthy growth. The attendance is larger than ever before at this season of the year, and two additions have been made to the Faculty, viz: Dr. Pigott, late of Johns Hopkins University, Professor of Chemistry and Geology; Bro. Arthur H. Noll, Professor of Commercial Law. Dr. Pigott has been initiated into $\Sigma A E$, which still persists in going outside of college students to recruit its ranks.

Upsilon—Rensselaer.

UPSILON is now enjoying a sweet recuperation, freed from the ponderous weight of long courses and difficult subjects, smiling complacently at the closing of the smaller interstices that go to form the solid scientific course. The ruggedness of reviews to come, yet stares us in the face; only softened by the anticipations of what ensues—one more year of labor and study being relegated to the shades of the past, with a beautiful avenue of freedom and ease to traverse ere another springs into existence. Everybody is on the *qui vive* as regards this year's election of a Grand Marshal, one candidate having boldly declared himself, with the other lurking apparently peacefully in the defiles of doubt and evident hesitation. As we are the children of a grand and glorious republic, the pleasures of button-holing, wire-pulling and gulling are by no means distasteful to our fraternity palates. The much mooted question:

"Shall we have a director and a president, or the two combined in a single gigantic genius," has assumed a definite shape by the decree of a bit of recent legislation. So now our worthy director, plus the legislature president is "rex" once more; even though the bickerings and wranglings of graduates, alumni and trustees seem proud to circumscribe his length of reign into the space of an attenuated filament. Our gymnasium is the feature of the place. Morning, noon and night witness the gradual development of the student into the brawny athlete. Though the idea of making yourself more capable of starving, trudging, in a word, engineering is less visionary and glorious than that of stroke on the crew and the cock of the walk on a field day.

Zeta—Adelbert.

ZETA has hardly settled back into the hum-drum work of college since the conference at Akron, and though the time has been some three weeks, yet the enthusiasm she received has increased rather than diminished as the questions and proceedings have been discussed in our weekly meetings. In our humble opinion (and we have distinctly in mind the conference of last year) we hold that no previous meeting of the kind in the old second division (and we almost dare to say any other division) combined so completely the three great requisites for complete success—enthusiasm, earnest work and sociability. Eta is to be congratulated upon the successful efforts she put forth for the entertainment of the division, and it is but the hope of Zeta that next year the latter may not disappoint the brothers, who were in attendance at Akron, in expecting a repetition of the times never to be forgotten. The "Convention Delegate" article in the March number has been freely discussed by this chapter, and, although we may never be benefited directly by it, yet we recognize the need and worth of such a move. The second method would by all means be our choice, yet not without some change, for inasmuch as a delegate seldom starts (at the time we now hold our conventions) from his college residence, but rather from his home which may be one or two hundred miles nearer the place of convention as was the case last summer with a number of the delegates. It would at once become necessary to take the average distance from where the delegates start in order to keep equity on top. It would take but a very little work at

each convention to find this average, and if we adopt anything of this kind for the sake of equal expenses, we must expect a slightly complicated and changeable schedule. The clipping from the Adelbert letter of $B \Theta II$, which appeared in the March RAINBOW, gave the oft repeated history of the fraternities at the Western Reserve, but cunningly omitted how ΔKE entered by lifting to a man the whole chapter of $B \Theta II$, and then went on to give the condition (?) of her rivals, which is so ridiculously absurd, that we would not take the trouble to refute the remarks, but simply let them go like a "bark from the bags."

Beta Beta—De Pauw.

AN event, in which the interest and anxiety of the entire University were centered, occurred at Indianapolis, April 14,—the Indiana Oratorical contest. De Pauw, contrary to custom, did not take first place, but had to be satisfied with second, as Wabash College secured the prize. It was said by many throughout the state that if our university had taken place, the Indiana Oratorical Association would have undoubtedly been broken up, as the other colleges were tired of sending representatives to no avail. Almost all our entire chapter were there. Bro. Wise, $B Z$, represented Butler University; Bro. Gans, of $B Z$, was elected president of the Association; Bro. Williamson, of Φ , presided during the evening. We had the pleasure of meeting all of $B Z$'s men. Since the above has been settled, the next all-absorbing topic is base-ball. We are fully represented in this movement, Bro. Cox being one of the directors, Bro. Caylor, captain, and Bro. Keeler one of the players in the university nine. On March 10th we received cards announcing the wedding of Bro. Horace S. Norton and Miss Lulu E., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Martin, Lemont, Ill. Also we have received cards announcing the same happy event of Bro. John J. Collins and Miss Mollie Calhoun, April 5, Madison, Ind. On the evening of April 2, De Pauw Chapter of ΔT was founded. This chapter starts out with eleven active men. We now meet here ΔKE , ΣX , $B \Theta II$, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, $\Phi K \Psi$, ΔT . Bro. Will A. Morrow, '80, City Attorney at Somerset, Ky., spent a few days with us this term. Bro. Coggeshall is not in college this term, but is teaching at Indianola, Ill. We have had our chapter photographed, and if our lady friends are sincere, we have come to the conclusion that we are a pretty tolerably handsome set of fellows.

Xi—Simpson.

THE spring term of our college opened the 6th ult., bringing with it a slight change in our active membership. Bros. Youtz, '89, and Smith, '90, are remaining out, but their places are filled by Bros. Meech, '88, and Morris, '90, after a year's absence. Few events of fraternity interest have taken place of late, the several fraternities having made their selection of new men for the year, and the excitement of its last election being over. The interest now begins to be centered in the contests to occur commencement week, in which we expect to gain our usual distinction. We heartily endorse the proposed plan of equalizing convention expenses as set forth in the March number of THE RAINBOW, and hope the Columbus convention will give it favorable legislation. Bro. J. L. Teeters, Omicron, paid us a pleasant visit when in the city on business, recently. A. S. Busselle, formerly '87, left recently for Wichita, Kan., to engage in civil engineering in company with F. S. Davis, '84. We are just on the eve of the fourteenth anniversary of the founding of our chapter, and we expect to celebrate the event in customary manner.

Rho—Stevens.

THOUGH it is now nearly three months since our last conference was held, the echoes of its success have hardly yet died away. We were pleasurably reminded of it by the publication in the last RAINBOW of Bro. Kent's admirable oration—a very masterpiece of thought on fraternity problems. His address should settle forever the frequent question, "What is the good of a Fraternity?" Those who were not fortunate enough to hear the answer will be far from wasting their time if they give it more than one careful reading. The only noteworthy incident which has occurred since our last letter, has been the taking of the chapter's photograph, the result after two trials being fairly satisfactory. The relations between the rival fraternities at Stevens remains the same, *i. e.*, both parties are friends, individually, but enemies collectively. The voices from the wilderness of $B \Theta II$'s correspondence referring to $\Delta T \Delta$, and quoted in the March RAINBOW, were received with all the respect they deserve. It may be advisable also to point out the stray grain of truth which was carelessly inserted. That the "Delts are odd fellows" is true, for they certainly are odd in their startling contrast, both in manners and scholarship to several members of $B \Theta II$

Chi—Kenyon.

THE last term of the college year has opened and gives promise of much profitable work. Moreover there are signs significant of progress in the sky. The foundations for a female seminary, now long prospected, are in actual process of construction here at Gambier. The new building is to be four stories in height and is to stand beside old Harcourt Place school, which will be entirely remodeled and improved. Of course the new institution will be entirely independent of the college, so far as a mental instruction is concerned. Not only is this addition to Gambier an established fact, but another building for the use of the Kenyon Military Academy has also become necessary, and the contemplated addition will accommodate fifty more boys. The Academy is prospering finely under its able and efficient management. Fraternity spirit, as always, is quite high and this was plainly manifested recently in the heat of college politics. $\Delta K E$ has lost three men during the course of the year and ΨT has lost one. $\Theta \Delta X$ has purchased a lot in the village and is probably making preparations for the erection of a chapter house. Other than this, in spite of the intense feeling, nothing of great importance has occurred among the Greeks of Kenyon.

Eta—Buchtel.

SINCE our last letter to THE RAINBOW Eta has entertained the northern division in annual conference. The most sanguine expectations on the part of Eta were reached and passed in the success of the conference, and the secret of its success was in the attendance ; all chapters but three being represented, the majority by two delegates. The delegates, together with the large number of visitors, made exceedingly lively and interesting sessions. On the evening of the last day Eta gave her second annual banquet and reception, at which nearly all the Deltas from abroad were present. We congratulate ourselves on having enjoyed with our Delta brothers one of the most pleasant occasions in the history of the chapter. Matters are resting very quietly here in fraternity circles. Delta Gamma, represented at Buchtel, held a national convention at Cleveland last month. Some radical changes were made, we understand, in the constitution and management of the fraternity. The local chapter was present *en masse*. Buchtel will have no annual

"pub" this year. A scheme on the part of the fraternities to publish one was all but successful, and disagreements in the ranks of '88 prevent her from undertaking the work. It is probable that by another year the fraternities will combine for publishing an Annual. The equipment of Buchtel, as one of the state meteorological stations, necessitated the erection of a signal staff on the main building. This was an irresistible invitation to the different classes (senior excepted) to display their flag. The fracas which ensued resulted rather disastrously to college property and senior dignity,—the latter being sacrificed in aiding the Sophomores to maintain their position. Bro. E. S. Rothrock, '86, has entered the theological department of Oberlin College. Bro. C. U. Thomas, of '88, is engaged in the Register and Recorder's office of Manatee County, Fla. Bro. M. E. Bourne, '82, is real estate agent at Wichita, Kan.

Beta Kappa—Colorado.

WE are happy to announce the initiation of Bro. Bayley, resident of Greeley, Colo., and a good student. After his initiation we all enjoyed a banquet enlivened with songs and stories. Our chapter hall has been newly papered and painted. The ceiling is decorated with fraternity monograms in the corners, and a handsome centerpiece containing the fraternity emblems. These, with new brass chandeliers, have wrought a wonderful change in the appearance of the hall, adding to the interest and regularity of our meetings. On April 9, Bros. Stanton and Moorcraft came up from Denver, and in honor of their presence we had another banquet, surpassing the former both in architectural and intellectual beauty. Bro. Whiteley acted as toastmaster, and Brother Mason made an address of welcome. Bro. Pease read an interesting sketch of the history of the Beta Kappa, of which he was the first initiate. Bro. Pierce read the official record of Bro. Bayley's initiation, and Bro. Willis Stidger spoke on the "Value of Fraternity Life." A delightful letter was read from Bro. G. B. Blake, who has just been graduated from the Medical Department of the Tulane University of Louisiana. He will be with us again before many days. Bros. Pierce and Mason represented this University at the State Oratorical contest at Denver, April 15. It was the finest and most exciting contest yet held. Of the four speakers, Bro. Pierce was awarded second place and Bro. Mason third.

Beta—Ohio University.

THE spring term began Tuesday, March 29, with a great increase in the number of students. The college is now in a better condition than it has been in for years. Four new instructors have been added to the list within the year. Ohio University was admitted into Inter-collegiate Oratorical Association in February. Chapter Beta commences the work of the term with renewed energy, determined to stand at the front in college work. We have succeeded in initiating good men this year, and are now able to introduce to the fraternity Bros. Hoffman, '89, McGleuen, '89, Russell, '90, and Bingham, '90. We have also pledged one other man who will be initiated in the near future. Bro. White, class of '86, is now pastor of the M. E. Church at Commercial Point, O. Bro. Williams is now studying law at Macon, Miss. Our rivals, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ and $B \Theta \Pi$, have initiated three men each. Both these chapters still continue to initiate Preps.

Epsilon—Albion.

SOME of our brothers have gone out to enter into the more immediate preparation for work in their chosen professions, and in consequence, our number is somewhat reduced. Bro. T. J. Martin has begun the study of law in the office of Hon. E. S. B. Sutton, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Bro. H. M. Weed is studying medicine in Colon, Mich., preparatory to a medical course in college, and Bro. H. N. Ott, on account of ill-health, is in business with his father in Albion. While we regret to lose our brothers, nevertheless we bid them godspeed in their work, wish them all possible success and prosperity, and join our intentions more forcibly by the bonds of Delta love to supply their absence with men as loyal to the cause for which we labor. It was with a great degree of interest that we listened to the report of our Conference delegate, Bro. C. M. Kimball, and by another year we hope to be able to send a much larger delegation. Three of our brothers, Lovejoy, Kimball and McCarthy, have been elected as orators for the society exhibitions at commencement. These exhibitions are an important feature of our commencement exercises, and thus far Epsilon has always been well represented. We extend to our sister chapters good wishes for their prosperity.

Tau—Franklin and Marshall.

OUR orators, Bro. Noll, of the Goethean Society, and Bro. Bowman, one of five contestants for the Junior gold medal, are hard at work, and will, without doubt, reflect credit upon themselves and the fraternity. The college annual, "The Oriflamme," is being prepared by the editors from the Junior class, and will appear by the last of May. This coming June is the hundredth of the existence of Franklin College, and the fiftieth of Marshall College, and it will be celebrated as the centennial of the joint institution. The faculty is busy, also the alumni association, and everybody connected with the institution has been thrown into a state of activity. So much for the good of our college. It will have the effect of enlivening some of the trustees, who seem to think that no "blow" should be made in behalf of the college; that it can live without drawing life from the opinions and plans of other institutions. Some of the notable men in literary matters will make addresses, while the alumni representations will be very great. As quite a number of Tau's men will be here, preparations will be made, looking to an enjoyable time, as well as one of benefit to Chapter.

Beta Zeta—Butler.

THE crescent of Beta Zeta is ever on the increase. This chapter is not composed of cane-danglers, who are at school for sport only. Every man is here for a good purpose, and is attaining it. Beta Zeta has set before her a high standard in all things. We are not attaining it in every particular, but are progressing at an encouraging pace. A generous feeling and rivalry exists between us and the other fraternities at Butler. We are being equalled in numbers. As to other things, we will not say, but we do not in the least fear comparison. We aim to keep Delta Tau Delta ahead. Our new hall has already become invaluable to us. It is a real Delta home. Once each month our lady friends are invited and entertained in our home. These socials are pleasant events in our college life. We shall be glad at any time to entertain our active or alumni brothers from abroad. Since our last letter, Beta Zeta won some victories. Of the four important places to be taken in the primary oratorical contest, we secured three. There were eight strong men in the field. First, second and fourth honors were

taken respectively by Bros. Wise, Smith and Gans. In the elections of the State Oratorical Association, Bro. Gans was elected president for the ensuing year. The boys are quite active in the college games, especially in base ball. The manager and three men in the college team are members of Delta Tau Delta. They are there sustaining their reputation of doing all things well. We are constantly on the lookout for fine men, so as to secure the future prosperity of our chapter; nor are we failing in this. We have the pleasure of introducing three new men,—Bros. L. J. Morgan, of '88; J. R. Morgan, of '89, and F. D. Muse, of '90. We are confident that these are valuable additions to our ranks.

Theta—Bethany.

EACH of the classes has crowned itself with a peculiar and distinctive hat, the increase of dignity manifested is simply appalling. This is a new move among the Bethany boys, and one which is worthy of survival. Theta continues to thrive and holds her distinctive place in the college and in society generally. We have lately organized a glee club, which from time to time gratifies the students and citizens with their sweetest strains. F. M. Dowling, '85, was with us recently as Anniversarian of the Neotrophian Society.

Mu—Ohio Wesleyan.

FROM sickness and other causes, Mu is slightly reduced in number at this time, having at present active members distributed by classes as follows: two Seniors, two Juniors, three Sophomores and three Freshmen, including two recent initiates of whom I hasten to speak. These are Bros. Earl S. Davis and Victor K. McElhenny, both of '90. In these brothers we gain men of the right stamp to faithfully help in maintaining our high rank and making fraternity all its means of pleasure and profit. In securing Bro. McElhenny especially, we learned what careful and patient working will do in spite of the earnest efforts of several other fraternities to secure him. Passing to general college news—The Ohio Wesleyan opens this spring term with a much larger attendance than the same term a year ago, and giving it for the year the largest number in its history since co-education was adopted. Perhaps the event that has created most interest of late in our institution is the Junior Contest

which the enterprise of that class has just introduced into our literary workings. The contest was in orations, essays and declamations, and three speakers were chosen for each. Four out of the nine were ladies, and the result told most favorably for them, since the prize oration and prize essay were awarded to two of them. The importance of such a contest for the purpose of increasing interest in literary work is very apparent, and it is to be hoped that the succeeding classes will continue this kind of a contest.

Kappa — Hillsdale.

KAPPA extends a hearty greeting to her sister chapters, and wishes them bountiful prosperity. Since our last letter we have initiated two worthy young men, and have others to follow. A joint initiation with Epsilon is being arranged, which promises a mutually pleasant time. The organ of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, in a recent issue, prints the following under the Hillsdale correspondence: "— $\Delta T \Delta$ has a membership of about ten —. The Delta Taus had it all their own way for about twelve years, but *I think* there must be a 'coldness over de meetin'' in their *counsels* of late. $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has secured every man she has 'spiked' for over two years, the Delta Taus and Sigs having sought every man of them." Those acquainted with the two fraternities, and especially the relation they bear to each other in this college, would certainly detect the characteristic Ego even in this chiplet. The paragraph was written either by one wholly ignorant of fraternities, or in a boastful spirit. In either case it is of little weight, since it is not only untrue, but grossly misleading. It might be added that Kappa does not hold *counsels*. Neither the object of the fraternity nor the policy of the chapter demands counsels. The statement that all the $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ candidates had been sought by $\Delta T \Delta$ is a complete fabrication; there is not one atom of truth in it. The policies of the two fraternities, or rather chapters, are so diametrically opposed, that students sought for the one would be as diligently excluded from the other. For our friendly rival to say she has obtained every *man* "spiked," is not an exaggeration; for we know that a large number of their initiates are from two to three years below the Freshman year. Our constitution forbids us to initiate preparatory students, or those under fourteen years of age. Then the question might pertinently be asked, How many has she "spiked?" We believe the assertion would suffer by the addition of figures.

Pi—University of Mississippi.

AFFAIRS are gliding along with the mildness and sweetness characteristic of the season. In the tender and felicitous language of one of Pi most melodious bards :

The breath of Spring-time at this evening hour,
Comes thro' the gathering glooms,
And bears the stolen fruits of many a flower,
Into these Dormitory rooms !

Chasing the festive base-ball over the campus is among the lost arts here, but the boys seem inspired with most ardent zeal in the chase after the illusive sheepskin. February 18th the anniversary of the Hermean Society was fittingly and impressively observed. The oration was a success. Our Chapter meetings are full and interesting, many inquiries concerning the welfare of $\Delta T \Delta$ continue to come from our Alumni. Bro. J. M. Sullivan who was with us last year is now teaching in Centenary College at Jackson. Bro. J. A. Chancellor who was also with us last year is now book-keeper for his uncle in Okalona, Miss.

The Greek World.

WITHIN the last six or eight years, New York City seems to have become the center of college societies of all kinds. No first-class college in the country is without its alumni association, and the same may be said of secret societies. No less than six general conventions have been held in that city, besides chapter dinners and division conferences. The following are the more important Greek events that have taken place so far: $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, general convention, Grand Central Hotel, Oct. 19-22, 1886. $\Delta \Phi$, general convention, Club House on 27th street, Nov. 24-27, 1886; banquet at the Hotel Brunswick. Union dinner of Chapters *N* and *B* of $\Delta K E$, Nov. 24, at Mazzetti's, and two social receptions later on by Chapter *B* at private houses, at which ladies were present. $\Sigma \Phi$, general convention, Murray Hill Hotel, Jan. 6 and 7, 1887; banquet at Delmonico's. $\Sigma \Phi$, general convention at the Hotel Brunswick, January 7 and 8, 1887, at which a new chapter was founded at Lehigh University. $\Theta \Delta X$, alumni dinner at Murray Hill Hotel, Jan. 27. $B \Theta \Pi$, dinner at the Hotel Brunswick, Feb. 18. $\Delta T \Delta$, conference of Eastern Division at Mechanics' Hall, and dinner at Morrello's, Feb. 22. ΨT , general convention, Feb. 24-26, at Masonic Temple, with public exercises and banquet at the Metropolitan Opera House. $B \Theta \Pi$, alumni dinner to ex-Gov. Hoadley, of Ohio, at Delmonico's, March 29. $X \Psi$, general convention at Fifth Avenue Hotel, on April 6, 7 and 8, and banquet at Brunswick's. There have been, also, a memorial meeting of the ΨT alumni, in honor of ex-President Chester A. Arthur, and receptions by the $\Delta K E$ Club, at their respective club houses. The $\Delta \Psi$, $\Delta \Phi$, $\Delta K E$ and $\Sigma \Phi$ alumni associations occupy houses, though only the first two have houses of their own.

IN March the Delta Kappa Epsilon Club, of New York City, took a five-years lease of the Hargans mansion, No. 435 Fifth Avenue. The club was organized about two years ago, and heretofore occupied the house No. 36 West Thirty-fourth street. It now requires larger quarters.

$\Omega K \Phi$, a legal fraternity modeled after $\Phi \Delta \Phi$, was organized February 25, 1887, at the Union College of Law, Chicago.

ΣX , at Iowa State University, has surrendered her charter.

ΔT has established a chapter at De Pauw.

$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ has entered Syracuse and Lehigh.

$\Sigma A E$ has entered Allegheny.

WE hoped to have published in this number an account of the conference of the Grand Division of the South, but Chapter Lamba, to whom, we understand, the matter was referred, has failed to forward a report, although we both wrote and telegraphed for it. We judge from private advices that the conference was a notable success, all the chapters being represented by large and enthusiastic delegations. A full report of the meeting will appear in our June number.

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THE IDEAL DELTA, AND HOW TO GET HIM.*

THE question which is here before us is one of the utmost importance, because on a right apprehension of it depends, in a great measure, the future standing of the Fraternity. It is the question as to what kind of men we will get by the system of rushing which we practice, and of the best method for securing the best available material, with the least risk of making a fatal mistake in the selection of an utterly unworthy man. This is a matter in which too great care cannot be taken. As a usual thing the rushing of a new man, who possesses an appearance which will attract attention as a prospective Frater, is a game of chance. Without a good knowledge of human nature it is next to impossible to judge a man in the short time available to secure him before another fraternity has captured him. We must first have a clear idea of what sort of a man we are willing to accept as a brother. Secondly, we must be able to see behind the outside appearances, which are too often deceitful, and to judge whether the man we are after possesses the necessary qualities in good truth. When we consider that those who are to form this hasty judgment, are as a general thing boys or young men, who have not the experience necessary to make a mature judgment, who are in fact usually just beginning to form opinions of the character of a fit associate—the importance of a safe method, which will insure the smallest number of mistakes, at once becomes evident. It is doubly so when we remember that a mistake of one man will badly handicap a Chapter in the struggle for excellence, while three or four such would be almost fatal. It is plain then that the greatest care is necessary, and it is hoped that a few suggestions will be thrown out in this paper which may assist in arriving at some definite idea of the best method.

* Paper read at the first Annual Conference of the Rainbow Division, Chattanooga, April 16, 1887.

First, we will consider what kind of a man is wanted. Some years ago a valuable paper appeared in the *Crescent* urging that "all round" men be chosen—that is to say, men who are not specialists, but are good in the general life of a college, who possess many good qualities in a moderate degree. This is, of course, the very kind we want. We do not want a man who can "cram" up his books and pass a brilliant examination, but is a nonentity in every other respect. Nor do we want a man who will always lead in the games, but has not the ability or the application to rise from the bottom of his classes. Neither do we want a brilliant scamp, an utter reprobate, full not of mischief but meanness—and some such are found in every college. Let us review some of the qualities we require. First on our list ought to come good moral principles. Not necessarily a pious young man, not necessarily a church member even, but a man who is honest and honorable and truthful, a man who fears his God and respects his fellow men, such a man as we would be willing to choose for an intimate friend, and in whose company we would never be ashamed to be found. We all recognize the importance of choosing a man of firm morality, because the morality of the individual members is the morality of the Chapter and of the Fraternity; and we are at least supposed to be a moral body.

Next, we must have a man of fair mental ability—not a genius, but of good ordinary intelligence. Of course it is true that learning does not make the man, but it must be remembered that Chapters are located in colleges where mental ability is the standard of measurement. A good natured and good principled ignoramus may be very fine company where no literary standard is constantly appealed to, but where it is so appealed to, a Chapter which aims to be first-rate must beware of the ignoramus. He will lower the general estimate of the Chapter. He will be a constant drag. He will be at least a negative element, and will be productive of no positive good. He may be liked by his fraters, but he will be looked down upon by other Fraternities and not appreciated by visiting brothers. Note the ignoramus and beware of him. At the same time the literary standard must not be made too high, else it will exclude men good in other ways.

These two qualities then must be insisted upon as a basis upon which to build special excellence; for we cannot expect to find a

man who is good in all things. Having found a man with this basis, look now for some special good quality. It may be fine scholastic ability—a man who will take a degree and in other ways distinguish himself in the class-room. It may be a man who will be a leader on the Campus, the Captain of the Base-ball Club, the Champion in Athletics, the leader in all or any of the games. It may be a man who will be a social success, who will be at home in any parlor or ball-room. Again, it may be a man who will be successful in Literary Society work, who will be president—who will be chosen to represent the society in oratory or essay, who will take a medal or so.

Now that we have fairly settled upon the kind of man we want we must consider how best to get him. We want to have a sufficient acquaintance with him to determine whether he possesses these qualities or not. Now in this we must consider the size of the Chapter. In a small Chapter it is advisable for every member to make his acquaintance and to form a definite judgment upon the man. In this it may not be possible for every man to become intimately acquainted with him. If such is the case, several of them should make themselves specially intimate with him, and these must be those members who have a good and reliable judgment upon such matters. These can easily be known, and are usually recognized in every Chapter. No doubt all present are cognizant of the ordinary means of "rushing" a member, showing up the best men to the best advantage, giving him plenty of Fraternity literature to read, and in various ways impressing him with the dignity which it is proposed to bestow upon him, and the advantage he would gain by accepting the proposal. But in a large Chapter it is not possible for all the members to meet him and form a sufficient acquaintance to judge of him. The large Chapter is too cumbersome to be easily moved in this way, and before a decision is arrived at the man has joined another fraternity. Then, again, there is no unity of action. Every one tries to run his own favorite through, and as a result, the best man is not always chosen. The choice is seldom the result of mature deliberation; all are impressed with the necessity of haste, and as a result some fatal mistakes are made. To obviate this difficulty the writer has seen one method tried with success. It is this. Let a committee of say five members be chosen, and let them be the best and most active men in the Chapter, men who possess an accurate judgment in determining the character of a stranger upon

short acquaintance. Let it be the duty of this committee to watch for all the good material which may present itself; to note carefully *all* who show good traits; to form their acquaintance and ingratiate themselves into their good graces. In this way, by means of systematic work, all the new boys can be thoroughly canvassed and the good ones selected. The committee should hold frequent meetings and carefully consider all who have impressed them favorably. The most promising ones should be further interviewed and carefully scanned. It is well to invite the new boy to the rooms one of the committee and there in the abandon of free conversation watch him narrowly without letting him know it. Take an interest in his work, his literary society, and sports. A good judge of human nature, proceeding in this way, cannot fail to find out much about the new man. Meanwhile the other members are also apprised of the probable choice, and they act accordingly, subject to the advice of the committee. If the committee should come to a favorable decision upon the man, it then reports to the Chapter, and after as many as possible have met him, upon mature deliberation, in open meeting, he is elected or rejected. Meantime most of the rushing has been done and the stranger has formed a favorable opinion of his new friends. Little else remains but to put the question, and press him to an answer. Should he be rejected, however, no harm is done. He does not suspect until long after what was intended, and then perhaps he has joined another fraternity. Thus this method unites swiftness of action with correctness of judgment. The committee are men who may be relied upon, and very few mistakes of a serious nature will be made. This method is presented with the hope that it may elicit valuable suggestions in the subsequent discussion, not with the pretense that it is the best which could be devised. It has, however, stood a practical test, and has proved, if not the best, at least very good; and it may have the further merit of bringing out the ideal method from the deliberation which it is hoped will follow.

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AN IDEAL MEETING.***BEST METHOD OF RETAINING INTEREST AND A
FULL ATTENDANCE.**

My subject would have been more fruitful of suggestions had it read, "An Ideal Chapter" instead of "Meeting." Feeling that the former is largely the outgrowth of the latter, and that the latter can be obtained only by the practical realization of the former, I will consider the question in that light.

The answer to this question is one not to be dictated by mere taste, involving a few rules of order or the style of the pictures on the wall. It is one bearing directly upon the future progress and welfare of the Fraternity and demands the thoughtful consideration, of every loyal wearer of the purple and gray.

Where does the greatest danger to a given Chapter lie? Not in its neglect to meet its assessments and to have representatives at conferences, though that savors of a culpable looseness and carelessness; not in the lack of perfect unanimity at all times among the members, though that, if such is frequently the case, is allied to evil and ominous of destruction. No, it lies in these: A constant falling off of interest in the Chapter, and as a consequence in the whole Fraternity, a lack of loyalty in the breast of each member; a willful neglect of the duties of the Chapter, and a habitual absence from Chapter meetings.

As a Chapter looking faithfully to our interests, we should settle the following questions: Where shall we meet? When shall we meet? What shall be the character of our meetings?

The first question each Chapter must settle for itself. The environments of no two chapters are exactly alike. One thing is certain, every Chapter should have a certain fixed place for meeting, and that in keeping with its character. Nothing can offer so great an obstruction to the peaceful working of a Chapter as an uncertainty as to the place of convening. This lies at the basis of all law, order and government,—the necessary conditions to the perfect maintenance of any institution. Let the matter of attending

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these meetings be felt by each member to be a matter of business as well as a duty, obligation and pleasure, and appear as such to others. Nothing makes so good an impression upon those *ex arcanis* as for a fraternity's policy to be business-like and its basis firm.

Instead of trying to hide our fraternity let us bring it out boldly and do away with all *sub rosa* style of action. Some Chapters, I find, rent rooms, others enjoy those kindly donated by college authorities, but the most desirable plan, when practicable, is for a Chapter to own and control its own place of meeting. Build a Chapter house of your own, if you can. If you cannot at present, establish a sinking fund so that you will be able to do it after awhile. Before a Chapter does this, provided college authorities do not interpose, it cannot be assured of a healthy growth. You need a place sacred to your cause, aside from the secular haunts of men and the prying eyes of the curious. There is something about this that strengthens fraternal bonds and draws closer friendship's ties. And more, it enables a Chapter to feel its individuality, to win an influence and assert its true worth, instead of appearing as a mere casualty tossed off in some nook of a college building.

Next follows time of meeting. Concerning the frequency of meetings, a Chapter must also use its judgment and discretion, it depending somewhat upon the arrangement of college duties. It can be safely said, however, that in most instances a Chapter should have a regular meeting once a week, or never less than once in two weeks. Regular times of meeting are very essential to the life and growth of a Chapter. It is by this means only that you can get punctual attendance, without which no organization of this kind can maintain interest or insure progress. Let every member understand the exact time when the exercises will begin, and that he is expected to be there. When the appointed time arrives the presiding officer is to call the meeting to order and not to wait on the tardy members. The observance of these few points will lend an untold smoothness to the working of a Chapter. If a member is absent don't fine him, that is contrary to the spirit of our Fraternity. Rather send a committee to wait upon him, place the matter before him, use entreaty and persuasion. When these are exhausted our constitution deals with him. Nothing can generate so much friction as irregular meetings and a lack of punctuality in attendance.

Next follows the most vital part of the question, the character

of the meeting. There are three general plans after which the character of the meetings may be determined. 1st, as a parliamentary body. 2d, as a social body. 3d, a blending of the other two.

The objection to the first is that there is too much stiffness and coldness, and yet this stiffness is indispensable to the perfect carrying out of the plan, because without it everything is inclined to be loose and disorderly. We do not want meetings for the purpose of parliamentary practice. On club meeting nights, the boys at times want to lay aside all care and restraint and give themselves up to pleasure and enjoyment. Than this nothing is better; and here comes the trouble. This desire on the part of the boys to give mirth the reins, and that on the part of the officers to preserve order and decorum, after the prescribed manner of things, are sure to effect a compromise, and the affairs of the Chapter will be thrown into such a disgraceful confusion as will neither retain the love and veneration of the older members nor win the confidence and esteem of the younger.

The objections to the second plan can easily be seen. Without a regular order of business no subject can be brought up, discussed or voted upon with satisfaction to all. The kind of pleasure to be derived from these meetings is not wholesome in a fraternity point of view, or not such as that it has the good of the Chapter as its ultimate end. The feeling that constant association of this sort generates, breeds a kind of roughness among fraters that should never be tolerated in the hall. It offers an opportunity to a flood of witticisms and jokes which invariably drowns true brotherly feeling. Disorder in the hall is an inevitable result, such as lounging about, smoking, loud talking and laughing.

The third plan offers the best solution of the problem. Let one meeting be for business only, where all matters requiring careful deliberation are to be brought forward, and the alternate one be of a social turn. The latter ought and can be made the most interesting parts of fraternity and college life. Nothing is calculated so to inspire into the hearts of every one present love for his fraters and fraternity, and the opportunity this kind of a meeting affords to each to unbosom himself to friends he can implicitly trust, and to seek advice from those whom he knows is a frater indeed. Let all join in helping and sympathizing with the untutored and in giving

advice, spiced with brotherly love, to the unwary. I dare say but few will ever have a better opportunity of doing good than within the circle of their clubmates. But few will ever have a better opportunity of winning lifelong, trustworthy friends than among the boys who are drawn so curiously, but closely together. Let us improve our opportunity and further a cause which is so closely akin to the religion we profess.

I will not attempt to give an order of business. It would be impossible to suit every case. I will make, however, a few suggestions which can be accepted or not, as a Chapter sees fit. The first suggestion is that every one keep his eyes open and see to it that interest never lags, especially among new members. We must get new members enthused with fraternity work as soon as possible. Each year the material that is selected and disciplined will foretell the progress of the Chapter several years hence. I suggest that every Chapter have a standing committee whose business it shall be to make the meetings pleasant, entertaining and profitable. When one plan gets monotonous, change it,—that is the only remedy.

I also suggest that some member or members be required to submit to the body papers on topics concerning the policy and history of the Fraternity or on any subject calculated to enlarge our knowledge of, or inspire our love for our sacred order. Further, that new members be required to stand an examination upon the history of the Fraternity before being admitted to full fellowship. So far as I can learn this is the practice of all secret orders, barring the Greek.

I further suggest that our Constitution, by-laws and *lex non scripta* become as a manual of arms in which we should be drilled at least once a month, or oftener if necessary, until we become perfectly familiar with it.

There are a good many other things that might be suggested, but which would be better if each Chapter would study them out for itself. Among these is the subject of proper bearing or conduct between fraters outside of Chapter halls, the introduction of pleasant innovations in initiatory service, how to cultivate a closer relationship between neighboring Chapters, the advisability of receptions, etc. All these subjects it would be well for a Chapter to consider, ever on the lookout for improvements.

DIVISION CONFERENCES.*

"The Division Conference has become so recognized a feature in the organization of our fraternity that it must occasion surprise in the minds of many to see questions and doubts arise at the present as to its value and merit."

WE must be charitable and allow our elder brothers a little ground for the evil apprehensions occupying their minds when the first Division Conference was held. We believe they were sincere in their objections, as all true Deltas are.

It would be a miracle if some innovation would be instituted without objection by some one. I scarcely can conceive of anything new introduced into any organization without opposition. For the healthy influence of any innovation of importance I am of the opinion it must have some opposition; the life inherent in it needs to be called forth to exhibit itself as a benefit for the object intended.

The Division Conference cannot claim merit, demand patronage, or boast of future perpetuation because of its age, as it is of recent birth; but if its increasing favor with the Fraternity at large, and if the beneficent influences accruing from it on the individual members and the Chapters are an index to the future, then the Division Conference will boast of merit and perpetuation.

It is well known to all who are present to-day, that it was with a view, primarily, of developing the social side of the Fraternity that the Division Conferences were instituted. That they were successful in this, if in nothing else, no one is able to gainsay. Although not officially recognized in the organic law of the Fraternity, yet they exert a salient influence upon it. They are preparatory schools to the General Convention, as they bring more strongly to the mind the existence of it while each member is enjoying the social intercourse with his Brothers and the business of the Division, his mind cannot refrain from being directed toward the pleasure in store at the General Convention; where he cannot help going if he follows his inclinations.

If we conduct these Conferences with a view of obtaining the highest possible social development, every representative present at them cannot but be enthused with Deltaism, if he has any soul

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for his Fraternity. One may feel the spring of joy and its buoying influence while among his own little circle of Brothers, and think himself acquiring the highest social development, and yet when he goes from his own little Chapter folds and views the vast domain of Delta Tau Delta, he realizes that the Fraternity holds out to him social benefits and culture never dreamed of. By coming in contact with scores of others seeking the same social excellence, we are greatly assisted in acquiring this noble accomplishment. This social element of man is fostered and developed here, and carried back to our different Chapters to be infused into every member. It is the part of this Conference to strengthen the ties that bind us to one another and to our good old Delta Tau Delta. We are grateful to have so many live and energetic Alumni, but it is to be regretted that we have so many who so soon forget that which was once an object of love and pride to them, and the ties of which once seemed so strong that time could never sever them.

It is the part of our Conference then to revive old memories in the minds of our alumni and awaken in them the fraternal spirit which was once a part of their lives. We feel that it is one of our most solemn duties to bring back again to the home of their early love and attachment, those who have become half-hearted and lukewarm, caring nothing for the organization which once did so much for them.

The question arises, how are we to revive their once lofty feelings for their Fraternity. I know of no better way than to get them to our Division Conferences, there to drink full draughts of fraternal atmosphere and be filled again with the spirit of Deltaism. If we can do this we have accomplished a great work.

What pages of fraternity news have the power to thrill one's whole being with fraternal enthusiasm and crowd his mind with pleasant scenes of former days so much as the hearty grip of a Delta Brother. We *must* arouse our Alumni if we expect to continue as a great organization. They are the back-bone of our Fraternity. If we would stem the tide of growing opposition we must put them on the defense for us. The General Convention is usually at so great a distance from most of our Alumni that few of them are able conveniently to attend, and if we do not provide some local means for providing them with the proper stimulus they will be forever

lost to us. If we can make them feel that they will be benefited by coming, the difficulty will be overcome.

It is here that they can meet old friends and fraters and form valuable professional acquaintances, and these new relations formed will kindle anew the flame of fraternal love within them. We cannot have too many Conferences. They are in many respects the bulwarks of our Fraternity. While we have met primarily for the development of the social side of the Fraternity we must not forget what a valuable accessory to the General Convention we can make our gathering. These Conferences can be made largely to supplement the General Convention in its works by preparing bills for projected legislation. The most important as well as the minor measures and interests of the Fraternity should be thoroughly discussed here. All plans, projects and notes should be discussed in the Division Conference so that amidst the confusion at the beginning of the General Convention we could begin work at once on some important measure. This previous preparation of Fraternity projects would save a great deal of time and give delegates more opportunity for sight-seeing and social enjoyments. Frequently the General Convention meets not knowing exactly where to begin. There is always much to be done, and this can be greatly facilitated by each Division coming forward with carefully prepared plans of proposed measures. If any one Division desires the passage of a certain measure it is much easier and more satisfactory to accomplish it if they have carefully formulated it beforehand, and each Chapter knows just how to vote upon it and have all the delegates from the Division to support it. We can compare our notes here and arrive at the most complete plans of governing our organization.

If they were allowed such legislative power in their respective divisions as does not conflict with the Fraternity at large, they might be productive of still greater good to the Chapters of the Division.

It happens frequently in a Fraternity as in other organizations, that special legislation can be given to a particular locality or section of country where Chapters exist and which can be given without injury or in the least affecting Chapters in other sections. One Division may feel the need of legislation peculiar to that Division, but not adapted to others. Allow each Division to legislate for itself as each State of the Union does for itself; but let the

Divisions be kept within the bounds laid down by the General Fraternity. By granting such legislative power to the respective Divisions, the work and care of the General Fraternity will be reduced. And it is my opinion a better status of our Chapters will be brought about. It seems that our best teacher is experience, and it will be difficult for us to reach the highest perfection in our Chapters without experimenting.

This will give each Division a chance to effect the most perfect organization and development possible for its own Chapters ; and by the plans and projects enacted and tried by the different Divisions, each Division can by comparison with others approach that perfection sought by every live organization.

I can scarcely emphasize too forcibly the importance of bringing the active members of the Fraternity into personal contact with each other. "All the delegates are supposed to be engaged with plans for their common interests, and they are enabled to gather more suggestions, more information, and more instruction in matters of Fraternity policy, Chapter enterprises and general College undertakings than can be imparted by the most extensive system of correspondence."

Our Chapters are so scattered about that it is seldom we meet a brother outside of our college circle, and the only access we have to them is by correspondence unless we can induce them to meet us at our Conventions and Conferences.

In gathering as we have here to-day, we can learn in a few hours time the many little details which go to make up the methods of an active Chapter if we all had come with our minds and hearts full of Deltaism. Brothers in Delta Tau Delta, if we will we can kindle here such a fire of enthusiasm for Fraternity that not only our own Chapters will be caught in its flame, but the entire Fraternity will be illuminated by it. We cannot realize what a great thing it is to be a Delta Tau until we once come in contact with our many Alumni and undergraduates, who are full of good Delta principles. We should urge as many members of each Chapter as possible to attend these meetings, as the Division Conferences cannot but silently yet effectually create a uniform standard of membership throughout the Division. If the Conferences do this they certainly are of paramount importance to the Fraternity. An organization to be powerful must be homogeneous.

If we would exist as an organization so long as a college remains in our land we must have a standard of membership. Our Fraternity suggests the kind of men who are eligible for our worthy organization, and they are men of sterling qualities of mind and heart; and these are the quality of men who to-day comprise Delta Tau. These Conferences are a great help to us in preserving our uniform standard. We not only come in contact with men of our own Fraternity at the college where the Conference is held but with men of other Fraternities. We thus get a broader view of the Fraternity system, and have our erroneous ideas concerning our rivals corrected as well as those of our own Chapters. We really do not know what Fraternity life is until we come out from our little circle and view the Fraternity with an unprejudiced eye. As a certain writer has said, "We are too prone—turtle-like—to draw ourselves within our respective shells and think no more of the Delta world around us." "Great are the benefits we receive in our Fraternity halls, but greater are those we receive by becoming acquainted with the broad Pan-Fraternity spirit of Deltaism; by thinking, feeling and doing with other Fraternities." Our little Chapter circle does not limit our interest in Delta Tau, for our interest is as broad as our Fraternity itself. She holds out great rewards for work done in her ranks; and her influence cannot be said to be bounded by the east or by the west, for her loyal sons have carried her glorious banner over every land and every sea

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COLLEGE FRATERNITIES.*

FOR half a century the "Greek-letter Fraternities" of the American colleges have been fiercely attacked and as hotly defended. The purpose of the present article is to discuss the question whether they are mainly good or evil; and if, like most organizations, they produce both good and evil, to show how the good may be increased and the evil diminished.

The fact upon which they all rest is expressed by the truism that "man is a social being." Bring together a thousand students, or even a score, and they will begin to arrange themselves in parties, cliques, and clubs. Social clubs, literary clubs, athletic clubs, will

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at once group themselves around various centers, like crystals about a nucleus. College officers may lament that students will not simply oscillate between their lodgings and lecture-rooms; but human nature is too strong: groups of some sort are inevitable.

Now, do not the Fraternities reduce the evils arising out of these to a minimum, and produce some results undeniably good? The first point to be noted is, that when one of these inevitable associations takes the form of a College Fraternity it must cease to be a mere temporary club. It has at once a reputation to make and maintain. It must hold its own against rival Fraternities. The badge which each member wears fixes his responsibility; to be less than a gentleman is to disgrace it and to injure the Fraternity. The same principle which led the hero of one of Balzac's most touching stories to lay off his badge of the Legion of Honor while suffering reproach, and to replace it upon his breast, when at the cost of his life he had retrieved his character, is, on a lower plane, active among students.

But the members of the Fraternities are not only under this healthful pressure from without; they are generally under good influences from within. Very soon after a Fraternity is founded it has a body of graduates sobered by the duties and experiences of life. This body very soon outnumbers the undergraduate members. These graduates naturally scan closely their brethren in the colleges, and are the first to condemn any conduct among them likely to injure the Fraternity. No Chapter can afford to lose the approval of its graduates: every Chapter must maintain a character that the graduate brotherhood will be willing to recommend it to younger men entering college, to send their pupils or sons into it, and to contribute to building or other expenses which would bear too heavily upon the undergraduate members.

Here is a vast difference between respectable, permanent Fraternities and all temporary clubs. A typical result of the desire of undergraduate members to keep the approval of their graduate brothers is seen in the fact that intoxicating drinks have been rigorously excluded from the Chapter-rooms of all Fraternities I have known; frequently by vote of the undergraduates not themselves abstainers. On the other hand, it is within my knowledge that temporary clubs formed among students who have not entered Fraternities—clubs having no reputation to maintain, no responsi-

bility to any Fraternity, and under no healthful influences from graduate members—have often become excessively convivial.

While college Fraternities thus reduce the evils of student social groups, they can be made a very useful adjunct in college discipline. The usual Chapter organization establishes a kind of solidarity between its twenty or thirty undergraduate members: all are to a certain extent responsible for each, and each for all. I know that other college officers, as well as myself, have availed themselves of this relation for the good of all concerned. More than once, when some member of a Fraternity has been careless in conduct or study, I have summoned senior members of his Chapter, discussed the matter confidentially with them, dwelt upon the injury the man was doing to his Fraternity, and insisted that it must reform him or remove him. This expedient has often succeeded when all others had failed. The older members of all Fraternities have frequently thus devoted themselves to the younger in a way which would do honor to a brother laboring for a brother. It is within my knowledge that a considerable number of young men have thus been rescued from courses which might have brought great sorrow to them and to their families.

While the Fraternities have thus been made useful to individuals, they have another use to the great body of American colleges and universities as a whole. One of the less fortunate things in American advanced education is that the various institutions of learning in the country are so separated from each other by space and sectarian bias. As a rule, each is more or less in a state of isolation. To meet this difficulty, we have, indeed, in the State of New York, a very valuable institution, the Board of Regents, which, in addition to other services, brings together once or twice a year, representatives of all the colleges, to discuss questions of living interest and to establish personal acquaintance; but in the Union at large there is nothing akin to this. In England, the two great universities are near to each other, and so near London as a center, that there is no such isolation. In Germany the universities are all within a geographical space not so large as one of our great States, and the students pass freely from one to the other. Here there is almost complete isolation, and the larger college Fraternities serve a good purpose in frequently bringing together members of the various institutions: graduates and undergraduates, professors and

students, thus meet, and so do something to create a common interest, and to arouse a friendly feeling. It may not be the best sort of meeting, but it is better than none.

Again, the Fraternities, while reducing the evils of social gatherings to a minimum, bring out of them some positive good. The question is, Shall these gatherings be fit for gentlemen, or shall they degenerate into carousals? The advantage of the better Fraternities is, that on them are various healthful restraints which hinder such degeneration. Graduate members are frequently present; they may be members of the faculty, citizens of the adjacent town, teachers visiting former pupils, clergymen visiting parishioners, fathers visiting sons; in any case, they lift the gathering into a far better region than it would probably attain without such influence.

As such old members come into a Chapter session, note the place of old friends long gone, and hear the old songs sung, a flood of recollections comes in upon them. They are sure, when called upon, as they always are, to speak to their younger brethren from the heart, and few speakers are more likely to find their way to the hearts of the listeners.

And here it is proper to touch upon one of the more recent developments in the better American Fraternities—the establishment of Chapter-houses, in which the members of a Chapter have not only their hall for literary exercises, but lodgings, study rooms, library, parlors, and the like. This is, I think, a distinct advance. While giving comfortable quarters and civilized surroundings at reasonable prices, it brings into the undergraduate mind a healthful sense of responsibility. One of the greatest difficulties with American students has arisen from the fact that they have been considered neither as men, to be subjected to the laws governing the public at large, nor as boys to be subjected to the discipline of the preparatory schools. Some of the consequences of this abnormal condition have been wretched. Place twenty or thirty students in the ordinary college dormitory, and there will be carelessness, uproar, and destruction; but place the same number of men belonging to any good Fraternity in a Chapter-house of their own, and the point of honor is changed; the house will be cared for and quiet. I recently visited one of these Chapter-houses after an absence of a year; the rooms and furniture were as well kept as

when I left it. The reason is simple : the young occupants had been brought into a sense of proprietorship, into a feeling of responsibility for the maintenance of the property and its reputation.

Socially, too, there is an advantage. Nothing has pleased me more of late years than to see various fraternities of the better sort giving, in their chapter-houses, simple receptions and entertainments, to which not only members of faculty and town families were invited, but also the older members of other Fraternities. This marks a breaking away from what to my mind has always been the main objection to these organizations, namely, the growth in many cases of a petty, narrow, contemptible clique spirit ; and it indicates a recognition of the paramount relation of student to student, of man to man.

I have taken part in several such gatherings at various chapter-houses, and can think of no wiser thing that wealthy graduates can do, in testifying kindly feeling toward their respective Fraternities, than to aid in the erection and endowment of such houses, as good centers for college social and literary life.

Several times, during visits to Oxford and Cambridge, I have been asked regarding the provision in American colleges for healthful social relations between teachers and taught, and between older and younger students. In answering, I have spoken of the chapter-houses as to some extent supplying in American universities what is given in the English universities by the collegiate bodies, with their separate houses and fraternal feelings. Each system enables students to live in comfortable quarters at moderate cost, and with men interested in their purposes and anxious for their success. What Walter de Merton had in mind when he established the first of the colleges at Oxford seems to be the very thing sought for in these more humble American establishments. And when I told my questioners that the members of the fraternities living in various chapter-houses, though frequently visited in a social way by members of the faculty, were under no control in ordinary matters save their own, that no proctor or tutor lived with them, that no gate-book was kept, there was an expression of great surprise. It seemed impossible to the college officers about me, that a body of twenty or thirty undergraduates, living together in a house of their own, could thus be trusted. I answered that they could be trusted, that the trust thus reposed in them was an educating force of high value,

and that I should not be sorry to see the whole body of students in the university with which I was connected divided into fraternities, each living upon the university grounds in its own house, with full responsibility for its keeping and character, and never to be interfered with until it proved its incapacity for proper self-government.

Again, a distinct purpose of these associations is culture in some worthy field of intellectual activity. If properly kept up, the exercises for such a purpose can be made useful. It has always seemed to me far wiser for college authorities to stimulate the undergraduate to profit by such opportunities than to waste time in declaiming against the fraternities altogether. It is an advantage that thus, in the midst of a small and friendly body, young men of quiet, scholarly tastes are enabled to make a beginning of literary or oratorical effort, and so prepare themselves for efforts on a larger field, where there is more competition and less forbearance.

Finally, the recognition of these organizations by university authorities seems wise, because in this way alone can a college easily rid itself of any fraternity exercising an influence for evil.

To get rid of such, a few American institutions of learning have endeavored to drive out all the fraternities. These efforts have generally proved futile. In one of the larger institutions where such an attempt was made, fraternity badges were for years worn beneath the students' coats, meetings were held by stealth, and a system of casuistry was adopted by the members, when questioned by the faculty, exceedingly injurious to the students from a moral point of view. Another result was that these Chapters thus driven into secrecy were restrained from intercourse with their graduate members and rapidly degenerated.

Still another effect was that, there being no means of distinguishing the members of any fraternity, the faculty could exercise no healthful influence upon them through their brethren. Moreover, a general repressive policy defeats its own purpose, and deprives the college authorities of the power to rid themselves of any particular fraternity that is really evil. For, when an attempt is made to drive out all the fraternities, all will stand by each other to the last. They will simply conceal their badges, and band themselves together as a wretched, occult, demoralizing power. On the other hand, if each fraternity is allowed to exist upon its merits, any one

thought by a college faculty to be injurious can be easily driven out. It is one of the simplest things imaginable. I have myself thus driven out an old wide-spread fraternity, which was doing injury to its members. This was done by giving a simple public statement of the reasons why young men should keep out of it. All the other organizations, and, indeed, the whole body of students, recognized the justice of the action and fully acquiesced. On another occasion, the mere threat of such a public denunciation had the effect to reform a large and influential fraternity.

And now, as to the arguments used against the fraternities. There are several entitled to careful attention. The first generally is, that they are secret. Regarding this I think it may be justly said that their secrecy is rather nominal than real. There are few executive officers in our larger institutions of learning who have not a fair knowledge of the interior organization and working of those with which they have to do. Their secrecy is generally nothing more than keeping from the public the motto for which their letters stand, and the direction of their literary activity. I confess myself unable to see how any question can be raised as to their right of reticence on these points. An eminent American divine, the head of one of the largest New England universities, whose wisdom and wit have delighted many of us, speaking upon this question, said: "If I unite with a dozen friends once a week for social or literary improvement, I know of no law, human or divine, that compels me to give an account of my doings to Tutor Tidball." And on this very question of secrecy, as a simple matter of fact, membership of college fraternities seems frequently to exhaust the desire of young men for entrance into secret organizations, and to keep them from entering the greater secret societies of the world at large. A bitter enemy of the great secret benevolent societies of the country once compared them to the small-pox; if this be just, entrance into the college fraternities might be considered, perhaps, as a vaccination.

Again, it is objected that the literary exercises in these chapters of twenty or thirty men stand in the way of the more important exercises of the larger open literary exercises. This is, probably, to a considerable extent, true. Yet, in justice, it must be said that some other causes have done much to weaken the large open societies. They have declined in a very striking manner at one of our great universities, where the college fraternities have hardly

had any existence ; still this charge has more truth in it than any man devoted to our higher education could wish. But it is an evil which cannot be removed : half the lung power expended by college officers in declaiming against the fraternities would, if exercised in favor of the open literary societies, obviate it. The literary societies of the various chapters could be made to strengthen the exercises of the open societies, becoming an introduction and preparation for them.

Again, it is said that the fraternities take part in college politics. This is true. They seem to hold a relation to college politics like that held by the guilds to the mediæval municipalities. But, after all, is this simply but one form of an evil which, in some form, is, as things go at present, inevitable ? Would not cliques, clubs, parties, and intrigues exercise an influence in student elections if no fraternities existed ? Bring together a mere score of students in the smallest of American colleges, and party politics will be at once developed. It seems a result of our American atmosphere.

Again, it is said that the fraternities produce narrowness and cliquishness. There is enough truth in this to make it the duty of every chapter to guard against these evils. But do we not err in attributing to the fraternities what is frequently the outcome of individual character ? Coming out of church, once, after hearing a clergyman preach a sermon which showed the most astounding narrowness of vision and thought, one of my neighbors said to me : " That sermon of the Rev. Mr. — does not surprise me. We were members of the same fraternity in college, and he regarded all students outside of it with abhorrence or contempt, just as he now regards all people outside his sect." In this case, as in many others, narrowness was an individual characteristic which would have betrayed itself under any circumstances.

Every large college has now so many organizations of various sorts, and every student stands in so many different relations to his fellows, that cliquishness is, it seems to me, diminishing. I have found, too, in my own administration, that a little common-sense ridicule poured, from time to time, upon fraternity narrowness, has a very useful effect.

But an objection is urged which surprises me much. This is that membership in an organization not open to the public takes the place of family life. This would seem an argument in favor of

the fraternities. The vast majority of students at colleges have no family life. They are far from their homes, and a fraternity properly organized has, in more than one case, supplied perhaps the best substitute possible for the family relation. Any properly constituted chapter contains steady, thoughtful, earnest men who exercise almost a paternal care over younger members. I speak from experience. An ounce of fact is worth a pound of theory. Not to mention others, how can I forget T. F. D., whom we had used to speak of as "the bishop," and who would, since that have been really a bishop had he possessed a spark of worldly ambition? Who, in a certain Yale chapter of 1852-53, does not remember his laugh as the heartiest, his fun as the best, his scholarship as the most inspiring, his counsel as the most disinterested, and his kind serious words of warning as the most precious?

Objection is also made on the score of expense. This objection takes two forms. First, it is said that the money given to fraternity purposes would be more useful if applied to something else. This argument goes a great way. It is equally good against eating a sweet potato or an oyster. Strictly adhered to, it would reduce each of us to a certain number of ounces of the plainest food that would maintain life. It is equally cogent against the wearing of anything save the roughest and most serviceable fabrics. Pictures, engravings, beautiful books, works of art, would be equally under the ban. It can be used with killing effect against a ministerial tea-party or an alumni dinner; against the great majority of church bells and steeples; indeed, against every sort of edifice for religious purposes save an oblong box with square windows. Methinks I hear a voice, "Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence and given to the poor?" but I hear also that other utterance, "Man shall not live by bread alone."

But the objection on the score of expense is stated in another way, which seems to me entitled to more careful consideration. It is said that students have sometimes been led into an outlay for social gatherings, chapter-houses, and the like, which they could ill afford. Here is certainly a point where every fraternity ought to be on its guard. All Americans are interested in keeping down any tendency to extravagance in our institutions of learning. Such tendencies do exist both within and without the fraternities, and they ought to be fought at every point. So far as they exist within the

fraternities they are simply bubbles upon the stream of American life. College life has been made somewhat more luxurious, just as home and hotel life have, but not, on the whole, to so great a degree, save in one or two of the greater institutions, which are powerfully influenced from neighboring luxurious cities. The colleges and universities more remote from the cities are by no means luxurious. Still, constant effort should be made in the fraternities to keep expenses down. The social gatherings should be made simple, the chapter-houses, while roomy and comfortable, should not be extravagant; building committees should bear in mind that two-thirds of the "Queen Anne" and other decorations lavished upon houses will within twenty years be thrown into the rubbish heap. Wealthy graduates should do what they can to provide for their respective chapters suitable houses, and, when this is done, scholarship endowments, which would diminish the expenses of members of small means. This done, the fraternities could justly boast that they diminish undergraduate expenses rather than increase them. It is a fact within my knowledge that, owing to contributions of this sort, life in some of the fraternity houses is cheaper than life of a similar sort outside.

But there is a duty here for college officers. It has been my practice, during my entire executive connection with Cornell University, to have at the beginning of every year a simple "public talk" with the entering class—a sort of free-and-easy discussion of college life, with indications of some things best to do, and some things not best. I have always cautioned these youths regarding the college fraternities, advising them not to be in haste to enroll themselves, to look closely at the men with whom they would be associated, and to count the cost. I have thought this wiser than to indulge in general denunciations, which leave the student just where he was before, since he regards them as purely conventional, professional, goody-goody, Sunday-school talk, and very rarely takes them into the account in shaping his course.

And finally, it is said that a number of the most venerated officers of American colleges have declared against the fraternities. This is true; but it is quite as true that just as many venerated officers have declared against other things in the development of the American university system which have been established in spite of them, and which have turned out to be blessings. Perhaps

one trouble with some of these excellent men is that they are so venerable. There is no step in the progress of colleges and universities that has not been earnestly opposed on apparently cogent grounds by most worthy college officers. While the objections to college fraternities have come from some of the best men in our country, I think that it will be found that, as a rule, they have never known the better fraternities save from the outside. Their arguments seem based entirely on theory ; and nothing is more misleading than a *a priori* argument regarding institutions. In such a way republican government and every form of association into which men have grouped themselves, religious or political, have been argued down. The true question is, Are the fraternities as a fact, under all the circumstances of the case, more powerful for evil than for good? My contention is that they reduce certain inevitable evils in college life to a minimum, that they produce good in many ways, and that, when college authorities deal with them in a large-minded spirit, they can be made to do still more good.

ANDREW D. WHITE.

THE COLUMBUS CONVENTION.

THE arrangements for the twenty-eighth annual Convention will have been completed, so far as preliminary work goes, by the time this issue of THE RAINBOW reaches the fraters. The committee in charge has spared no pains to secure the convenience and pleasure of those who may be in attendance. Headquarters have been secured at the Neil House, the largest and finest hotel in the city. It is just across the street from the State House, which is one of the many attractions of Ohio's capital city. The Neil will make a uniform rate of three dollars per day, and give the free use of its committee rooms in which to hold business sessions. Street cars from the Union Depot pass before its doors, and carriages are always in attendance. A reception committee will be ready to greet the visiting Deltas and direct them to the Convention headquarters.

And now, we fancy, every body is asking, "How about railroad rates?" Therefore, allow us to state plainly that *reduced rates have positively been secured*, and all that is needed is to avail ourselves of the conditions, which are very simple. The first of these is that there must be fifty persons in attendance ; the second, that each person must bear a certificate from the ticket agent at his starting point. These certificates can be secured at all the principal offices of all the important roads between the Alleghany moun-

tains and the Mississippi river. They will be furnished to any one who asks for them, upon the purchase of a ticket at the regular rate of fare from the point where application is made, to the point of destination, and, when properly signed by the Secretary of the Convention, will entitle the holder to a first class return ticket over the same road or roads by which he came, at the rate of one cent per mile. The Secretary of the Convention must certify to the agents of whom return tickets are purchased, that there have been fifty persons in attendance. Certificates will not be honored if issued more than three days before the assembling of the Convention, or if presented later than three days after its adjournment. Fuller information can be obtained by any one who desires it, by addressing (with stamp) Bro. C. W. Evans, New Holland, Ohio.

And now may we not hope that every wearer of the purple and gray will feel personally responsible for making the Columbus Convention the largest and most enthusiastic meeting that has ever assembled under a fraternity standard? We see no reason why this should not be so. Columbus is just about in the center of Deltaism. It is easily accessible from all directions, being one of the great railroad centers of our country. Its famous public buildings and benevolent institutions, its various industries and fine scenery, make it well worthy of a visit. But above all, it is the only place where, during the present year, the votaries of Delta Tau can enjoy the pleasure of personal association with their brethren of the same heart and mind. There is no need of telling any man who has ever attended a convention, that he can advance the interests of his Fraternity as much by attendance upon the sessions of a National Convention, as by a whole term's work in his own little corner without the knowledge thus gained. Let us then, embrace the golden opportunity of becoming thoroughly acquainted with each other, and of gathering from this association of kindred spirits an inspiration that will be the means of carrying our standard triumphantly forward during the coming year. To our brethren of the East, we say, come, and give us the benefit of your conservative ideas and classic culture. To our brethren of the West, we say, come, and impart the freshness of your progressive spirit, and the energy of your boundless activity. To our brethren of the South, we say, come and see if we do not greet you as *kindly* as our fathers sleep together *peacefully* on your sunny hillsides. To every loyal brother, we say, come, and let us make this summer's marshaling of our hosts, long to be remembered for its good results and pleasant memories.

Very respectfully,

THE COMMITTEE.

DELAWARE, Ohio, June 6, 1887.

ENROLLMENTS.

Beta.		
151	Allan Price Russell	'90 Chippewa Lake, O.
152	Eadfried Albertus Bingham.....	'90 Wellston, O.
153	Daniel W. McGlenen	'90 Creston, O.
154	Lewis Wallace Hoffman.....	'89 Amesville, O.
Gamma.		
170	Henry West Carroll.....	'90 St. Clairsville, O.
Delta.		
94	Albert Danner Elliot.....	Law. Ann Arbor, Mich.
	transferred from the Tau.	
95	William Randolph Cook.....	'90 Hastings, Mich.
Eta.		
107	Frank Wieland.....	'90 Mount Gilead, O.
108	Vernon Robert Andrew	'90 Medina, O.
109	Allen Fell.....	'91 Greenville, Pa.
110	Franklin Wells Hugill.....	'91 Akron, O.
Theta.		
	Clement Leroy Valandingham Ramer....	'89 Canal Lewisville, O.
Iota.		
143	William D. Van Devon.....	'89 Phelps, N. Y.
144	John Pearl Lockwood.....	'90 Marshall, Mich.
145	William Lee Rossman.....	'89 Portland, N. Y.
146	Frank Gunnison Clark	'90 Lansing, Mich.
147	Nile C. Smith.....	'90 Carlisle, Ind.
Lambda.		
47	Ernest Elijah Price.....	'89 Hyattstown, Md.
48	James Lithgow Smyser.....	'90 Louisville, Ky.
49	Alva Adolph Chinski.....	'88 Navastota, Tex.
Kappa.		
160	George Albert Clark	'87 Springfield, O.
161	Paul Rideout.....	'90 Hillsdale, Mich.
162	Marcus H. Norman	'91 Lexington, Mich.
163	Frank Grant Robertson	'90 Hillsdale, Mich.
Mu.		
117	Henry William Hargett	'89 Akron, O.
118	Earl Stanley Davis.....	'90 London, O.
Omicron.		
56	Charles Eddington Wells.....	'88 Cedar Rapids, Ia.
57	John Murchinson Grimm	'88 Williamsburg, Ia.
Sigma.		
30	Matthew Henry Folger, Jr.....	'87 New York City.
31	John Clinton Devereux.....	'88 New York City.
Beta Beta.		
43	John Edward Cox	'90 Terre Haute, Ind.
Beta Delta.		
47	James Allen Jones	'89 Warnerville, Ga.
Beta Zeta.		
56	Louis Jackson Morgan	'88 Irvington, Ind.
Beta Eta.		
17	John Paul Goode	'89 Marion, Minnesota.
Beta Theta.		
36	Beverly Welford Wren, Jr.....	Knoxville, Fla.
37	Harden Wickes Adams, Jr.....	San Antonio, Texas.
Beta Kappa.		
14	Emery Herbert Bayley.....	'90 Greeley, Col.

SYNOPSIS OF SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT, JANUARY 10, 1887.

CHAPTERS.	No. of Members at Opening of Term.	Initiates.	No. of Members Jan. 10, 1887.	DISTRIBUTION.					No. of Meetings.	Average Attendance Per Cent.	Average Age of Members.	RIVAL FRATERNITIES.
				87	88	89	90	Prep.	Post Grad., etc.			
Alpha	5	4	8	..	..	2	5	1	..	100	18	$\Phi K \Psi$, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, $\Sigma A E$.
Beta	5	..	3	..	..	1	2	..	..	80	20½	$B \Theta \Pi$, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.
Gamma	6	2	8	2	1	2	3	..	..	..	19½	$B \Theta \Pi$, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, $\Phi K \Sigma$, $\Phi K \Psi$.
Delta	10	2	14	1	3	1	2	..	7	90	21	$X \Psi$, $A \Delta \Phi$, $\Delta K E$, ΨT , $\Phi K \Psi$, $\Sigma \Phi$, $Z \Psi$, $B \Theta \Pi$, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$.
Epsilon	11	2	13	1	6	1	5	..	..	90	22	ΣX .
Zeta	4	3	6	3	2	1	3	..	..	100	21	$\Delta K E$, ΔT , $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, $A \Delta \Phi$, $B \Theta \Pi$.
Eta	6	5	9	..	..	1	3	2	..	96	19½	$\Phi \Delta \Theta$, and Lone Star (local.)
Theta	5	4	9	1	1	7	..	..	..	61	22	$B \Theta \Pi$.
Iota	8	5	12	1	5	4	3	..	..	68	20	$\Phi \Delta \Theta$.
Kappa	11	1	12	6	3	3	3	..	..	83	22	$\Phi \Delta \Theta$, ΣX .
Lambda	7	3	9	4	1	3	..	..	1	80	21	$\Phi \Delta \Theta$, $X \Phi$, $B \Theta \Pi$, $K A$, $K \Sigma$, ΣN , $\Sigma A E$.
Mu	10	2	11	2	4	4	1	..	..	95	22	$B \Theta \Pi$, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, $\Phi K \Psi$, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, $X \Phi$.
Nu	8	4	12	..	6	3	3	..	..	75	21½	$\Delta K E$, $Z \Psi$, ΣX , $\Phi K \Psi$, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, $X \Phi$, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, ΔT .
Xi	8	2	8	1	2	2	3	..	..	96	20½	$\Phi K \Psi$, $A T \Omega$.
Omicron	11	8	17	2	4	5	6	..	..	96	20½	$\Phi \Delta \Theta$, $B \Theta \Pi$, $\Phi K \Psi$, ΣX .

Pi.....	8	6	14	..	5	3	4	2	..	5	85	19¼	Δ K E, φ Δ Θ, Σ X, X Ψ, φ K Ψ, Σ A E, B Θ Π, Δ Ψ, Θ Ξ, Σ X.
Rho.....	8	3	11	3	2	4	2	..	..	11	82	20	X φ, B Θ Π, X Ψ, Θ Ξ, Σ X.
Sigma.....	4	..	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	6	92	21½	Δ Δ φ, B Θ Π, Δ K E, Δ Ψ, Ψ Γ, Δ φ, φ Γ Δ, Z Ψ, φ Δ Θ, Δ Γ.
Tau.....	3	5	8	3	3	1	1	..	..	9	37	20	φ K Ψ, X φ, φ K Σ.
Upsilon.....	8	2	10	4	1	3	2	..	..	20	97	21	Θ Ξ, Δ K E, φ Δ X, Δ φ, X φ, Z Ψ.
Phi.....	3	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	15	100	21	Σ X, B Θ Π, φ Γ Δ, φ Δ Θ.
Chi.....	3	1	3	1	..	1	1	..	..	5	100	20½	Δ K E, Ψ Γ, Δ Δ φ, B Θ Π, Θ Δ X.
Psi.....	13	1	12	1	4	5	2	..	..	11	89	20	Σ X, φ Γ Δ, φ Δ Θ, φ K Ψ, B Θ Π.
Omega.....	10	2	11	3	5	..	..	..	3*	28	85	21	φ K Ψ.
Beta Beta...	7	5	10	..	..	1	6	3	..	16	95	19	Σ X, Δ K E, φ Γ Δ, φ Δ Θ, B Θ Π, φ K Ψ.
Beta Delta..	6	5	10	1	2	6	..	..	1	13	99	19	Σ A E, X φ, K A, φ Δ Θ, Δ T Ω, φ Γ Δ, Σ N.
Beta Epsilon	12	2	14	1	6	3	2	..	..	10	87	21¼	φ Δ Θ, Δ T Ω, K A, X φ, Σ A E, Σ N.
Beta Zeta...	13	4	17	3	6	5	2	1	..	14	80	22½	φ Δ Θ, Σ X.
Beta Eta....	7	2	9	2	4	3	..	..	..	9	90	21	X Ψ, φ Δ Θ, Θ φ, local.
Beta Theta..	15	3	16	2	4	4	6	..	..	16	90	21	Δ T Ω, Σ A E, K Σ, φ Δ Θ, K A.
Beta Kappa..	5	1	6	1	3	..	..	..	2	9	..	22	
Totals.....	240	89	309	52	86	78	67	9	17	..	....	..
Averages..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	84¼	21	

* The three belong to 98. Omega's term closed November 17, 1898.

HARTFORD, CT., May 11, 1887.

HENRY T. BRUCK, General Secretary.

THE BETA ALPHA CHAPTER.

THE first chapter of Delta Tau Delta in the State of Indiana was established in 1870—eleven years after the Fraternity was founded. The thirteenth chapter of the Fraternity was called the Nu, and was established at the Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind., 26 December, 1870, with the following charter members: Alexander Kilpatrick, '71; James Polk Hale, '72; Emerson Short, '72; and James Frank Heady, '73. The chapter at once took its place among the leading chapters of the University, and was also regarded as one of the best chapters in the Fraternity. Two of its members did excellent work for the Fraternity in the establishment of the Omicron (now the Beta Beta) at the Indiana Asbury (now DePauw) University in 1871, and the Phi at Hanover College in 1872, Alexander Kilpatrick, '71, being the founder of the former and Edward George Henry, '72, being the founder of the latter. The Nu flourished until 1874 when, owing to the lax administration of the Alpha at the Ohio Wesleyan University, the chapter dissolved. The Fraternity has always wished to re-enter the University, but not until recently did a favorable opportunity offer itself. Charles Lincoln Edwards, A', '84, one of Delta Tau Delta's most prominent and devoted workers spent the college year of 1885-86 at the University, and did good work for the Fraternity. Howard Lafayette Wilson, B Z, '89, entered the University at the opening of the spring term of the college year of 1886-87, and associating himself with William Alfred Millis, '89, whom Edwards had pledged, began the work of re-organizing the chapter. A petition for a charter was soon sent to the Council. The Beta Beta indorsed the petition, which also received the support of many of the most prominent members of the Fraternity. The charter having been granted by the Fraternity, the Council delegated Oliver Matson, B B, '85, to initiate the new members, which he did on Saturday evening, June 4, 1887, in the I. O. O. F. Hall, in Bloomington, Ind., being assisted in the service by John Edward Cox, B B, '90, Stephen Seaman Strattan, B B, '92, and Howard Lafayette Wilson, B Z, '89. After the service a banquet was given at Swindel's restaurant. The new chapter is called the Beta Alpha, and the following are the charter members: Howard Lafayette Wilson, '89; James Austin Mitchell, '87; David Andrew Cox, '88; Henry Jackson Ratts, '88; William Alfred Millis, '89; Arthur Samuel Hudelson, '90; Peter Benton Monical, Jr., '90; and Will Howell Sherwin, '90. The charter members are spoken of in the highest terms by President Jordan, who considers them among the leading men of the University. The new chapter was received in a most cordial and friendly manner by the other chapters of the

University. The rivals of the Beta Alpha are: Beta Theta Pi, 1845; Phi Delta Theta, 1849; Sigma Chi, 1858; Phi Kappa Psi, 1869; Phi Gamma Delta, 1870, and Kappa Sigma, 1887. Kappa Alpha Theta, 1870, and Kappa Kappa Gamma, 1873, also have chapters in the University. Arrangements are making for the securing and furnishing of a chapter hall, and there is located on the principal residence street of the town a large, fine old mansion, surrounded by beautiful grounds, which the chapter hopes to secure for a chapter house at the opening of the next college year. The Fraternity has every reason to feel proud of the Beta Alpha, and we feel sure that the chapter by its good work as a chapter and by its devotion to the interests of the general Fraternity, will prove the wisdom of the establishment of the Beta Alpha at the Indiana University.

OLIVER MATSON.

Alumni News.

Delta—Michigan.

'80. W. W. Cook, on March 28, 1877, made an argument in favor of the proposed Civil Code, before the Judiciary Committee of the Senate of the State of New York, at the invitation and request of David Dudley Field, the author of that measure. His "Stocks and Stockholders," is proving by its unprecedentedly rapid sale to be one of the most successful of the recent law books.

Iota—Michigan State.

'73. Lieut. John P. Finley's new work on Tornadoes has just been issued. It is entitled "Tornadoes: What they are, and how to observe them; with practical suggestions for the protection of life and property." It is published by C. C. Hine, at the office of *The Insurance Monitor*, 137 Broadway, New York. Lieut. Finley is an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Society of Science, Letters and Art, London, and a member of the Société Meteorologique de France, Paris.

The *New York Evening Post* recently contained this editorial notice:

"A long-felt want" has been again supplied. Since the tornado became recognized as a Western institution, some insurance companies have begun to extend their business so as to cover risks of this sort. and a Burlington (Iowa) corporation some months ago offered a \$200 prize for the best design for a tornado cave. No less than 121 competitors appeared, and the award has been made by Lieut. Finley of the United States Signal Service at Washington, who is considered the leading "tornado sharp" in the country. The Burlington *Hawkeye* publishes sketches of the cave from various points of view, with estimates of its cost, which vary from \$154 to \$345, according as it is to be used independently of any building or is connected with a house having a cellar. The *Hawkeye* also publishes seventeen "hints" as to the location, construction, and equipment of a tornado cave, like the suggestion that "during the season when tornadoes are most likely to occur the cave should be provided with all things necessary to place it in readiness for occupation at any moment of the night or day." A glance at the pictures and text of the article gives one a vivid idea of the perils of life in what may be called the tornado zone."

Pi—Mississippi.

- '75. T. W. Stockard is in business in Washington, D. C.

Lambda—Vanderbilt.

R. W. Jennings, Jr., is a clerk in the office of the Chief of Engineers, U. S. A., Washington, D. C.

Preston Jenkins is a student at Princeton College.

Kappa—Hillsdale.

'69. Will Carleton has recently published the following contributions to current literature: "Farmer Stebbins' Toboggans," *Harper's Weekly*, April 16, 1887; "The Prayer," *Harper's Bazar*, April 16, 1887; "The Pastor's Farewell," *The Morning Journal*, Boston, April 7, 1881; "Worried about Katherine," *The Ladies' Home Journal*, Philadelphia, April, 1887; "Experiences of a Public Lecturer," *Lippincott's Magazine*, April, 1887.

Upsilon Prime.

'74. William C. Ellis is Superintendent of Construction of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fé R. R. at Strong City, Kansas.

'74. William Watts is a homœopathic physician at Sylvania, O.

'74. William W. Wharry is a salesman in Philadelphia, Penn.

'75. George F. Kenower is farming at Bolivar, Mo.

'75. Lyman F. Warner is a draughtsman at Auburn, Cal.

'76. William B. Chandler is farming near Yankton, Dakota.

'76. Walter E. Knibloe is principal of the High School at St. Augustine, Fla.

'76. Frank M. Palmer is a lawyer in Kansas City, Mo.

'72. Jacob N. Wharton is at Bement, Ill.

'73. Edgar K. Hill is a farmer near Austin, Texas.

Sigma—Columbia.

'84. Fred. E. Buckingham is a civil engineer in the Department of Public Works, Brooklyn, N. Y., and is the New York correspondent of *The American Engineer*, of Chicago.

'87. M. H. Folger is among this year's graduates of the Columbia College Law School. He is in the law offices of Vanderpoel, Green & Cummings, of New York.

'87. A. L. Burns, E. D. Church, Jr., John R. Marsh and George Rowland, graduated on June 8, from the School of Mines of Columbia College. A. L. Burns delivered an oration at the Commencement Exercises.

'85. Ernest C. Hunt was married on May 18 to Miss Alice Ward, daughter of Cornelius Ward, Esq., of New York City, the ceremony being performed in the Bloomingdale Dutch Reformed Church. He is associated with his father, Hon. John L. Hunt, 62, in the practice of law at 137 Broadway, New York.

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